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Day of meetings leaves Prime Minister with sporting The Barrier chance of staving off election

have a sporting chance of victory in the vote confidence in the Commons tomorrow, so iving off a general election. He had talks with a leaders of the Liberals and the United Ulster

ne Prime Minister was considered yesterday. Unionists but the outcome was not disclosed. It seems that Mr Steel restated the terms for giving his party's support to the Government. However, neither side suggested that a further meeting was in prospect today.

PERTRAIL Labour's conscience 'will not be sacrificed'

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the Commons, and thereby reprieving
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rty and the United Ulster Unionist

ie does not need to win positive votes in the 13 Liberals and the eight official lus. If the groups split, or solidly tain, it will be enough to save the vernment when the division bells ring. 10pm tomorrow.

To adapt the words of Sir Winston urchill when he became Prime Minister 1940, it could be said that the whole Mr Callaghan's political and trade ion life has been a preparation for the k he now has in saving his minority ministration from a general election at time not of his own choosing. Nobody o has known Mr Callaghan in Westminr politics since 1945 doubts that he is e of the most accomplished party magers and survivors of his generation. Nobody knows except at second or third nd what precisely passed between Mr llaghan and the leaders of the minority. rties he saw last night: first, Mr James plyneaux, leader of the UUUs and still disenchanged member of the Consertive Party's central council; and county Mr Steel, leader of the Liberals. On his return to Westminster last night om the Stechford by-election campaign, ir Steel spent an hour with Mr Callaghan the Prime Minister's room discussing the conditions on which Liberal support ould be thrown in the Government's

Mr Steel had made his terms public in television broadcast on Sunday, and he pears to have restated them. It may be ignificant that neither side suggested that further meeting is in prospect for today. The drift of the Prime Minister's confiences is clear, though adjusted for any unicular audience. He sold the liaison outmittee of the TUC and the Labour 'arry in the morning, for example, in the resence of six Cabiner ministers and the bairman of the Parliamentary Labour arry, that "we are going to win, but the party's conscience will not be sacrificed an any discussions with minorary groups".

What else could be say?

Mr Callaghan apparently phrased his ninking rather differently when he met r Steel and Mr Molyneaux. He might ave mentioned his socialist conscience, if he was more intent on making the change for himself.
As he explained, the Prime Minister

id the Government in on a minority in e House of Commons had to adjust to plitical realities, and therefore it could taken for granted that he was prepared help in the search for "an accommodawith the smaller groups in the ommons whose votes are necessary to rear Mrs Thatcher and the Opposition. The Government, Mr Callaghan argues, as already in a clear minority, and had en obliged to trim its sails accordingly.

On other pages

Win or lose tomorrow night, Mr Healey is still likely to go shead with the Budget statement next Tuesday 21 The prospect of a Government defeat wiped more than £1,300m off share values on the Stock Exchanges yesterday. The Financial Times index closed 14.1 lower at 414.4 21

Sterling made a shaky start yesterday and the Bank of England is

thought to have given some support. However, it rallied later and closed at \$1.7177, a net gain of five points 21

The TUC-Labour Party liaison committee has swung the full weight of the unions behind Mr Callaghan's determination to stay in power

Mr Steel said he had no "shopping list" of demands to put to the Prime Minister regarding tomorrow's confidence vote 2
Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the UUUC MPs, and Mr Enoch Powell, MP for Down, South, met Mr Callaghan

and Mr Foot for an hour As the consultations went on at Westminster, party organizers began to prepare for a snap election 2

It had dropped the proposal to legislate for worker-directors as recommended by the Bullock report; it had shelved the devolution Bill for inter-party talks; it had dropped the Bill for direct labour employed by councils; it had surrendered the ship-repairing section of the Bill to nationalize the aircraft and shipbuilding industries.

By implication, therefore, Mr Callaghan was able to argue that any Liberal or UUU who libbed at socialism and socialist Bills had already been given his answer. The Labour Government needed more time to fulfil its economic strategy. Would a general election that brought in Mrs Thatcher and her lieutenants offer a safer

All in all, the Liberal and UUU groups now have to calculate their own self-interest, including their electoral

Mr Molyneaux and his seven UUU colleagues who take the group whip have to make up their minds whether they are likely morest a petter deal from Mr Callaghan than from Mrs Thatcher, who represents the party that destroyed Stormont and Ulster self-government.

No group decisions are likely made conclusive until today, but there were signs at Westminster last night that Mr Callaghen had succeeded in sowing some doubts in Laberal and UUU minds.

It was notable, for instance, that when Mr Foot, Leader of the House and Labour's principal party manager, had a preliminary meeting with Mr Molyneaux yesterday morning, Mr Enoch Powell, who called at the two 1974 general elections for Labour support, was present. There is

day when MPs' thoughts were elsewhere

Mr Callaghan wisely re-mained out of sight in his room

as the pressures for compro-mise built up on all sides. Meanwhile MPs were making silly little jokes about the aftermath of Wednesday's wote.

A sign of the disarray in ministerial circles was Mr Foot's coyness over the motion that the Government intends to

table for the two-day defence debate, which begins today and ends next Monday with the vote of confidence in between. There

was much jollity on the Tory benches with MPs shouting "Remember Mrs Gaudhi", which brought the inevitable

reminder from the Labour side

of the House, that woman leaders did not seem to be doing

100 well at the moment.

Fovernment nervousness shows in hesitation over defence motion

MP on the benches behind the

Barney Hayhoe, opening for the Tories, did his best to cheer up

On such occasions a nervous, giggling atmosphere develops in the Commons, with MPs on

all sides not quite certain which way to jump. Mrs Thatcher turned up briefly but remained silent as Mr Foot,

with forced light-heartedness, announced the revised business

Yesterday was one of those casions when the minds of the minister over this lack of support by consoling him with the thought that Labour MPs were no doubt contemplating the minister of the minister over the support by consoling him with the thought that Labour MPs were no doubt contemplating the minister of the minister over the support of the minister over the minister over the support of the minister over this lack of the minister over the minister ov

ideed, what with all the heeling and dealing going on chind the scenes in preparation for tomorrow's confidence longin, it was surprising that ayone turned up at all

It was a bit ominous and Mr

helped to destroy Mr Heath as Conservative leader, feels any more kindly towards Mrs Thatcher.

After his meetings with Mr Steel and Mr Molyneaux, Mr Calleghan appears to have had meetings in private with some of his senior ministers, and there is a prospect of a Cabinet meeting at 10 Down-

prospect of a Cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street this morning.

Meanwhile Lubour's party managers have to consider their sick and their defectors. Mrs Litterick, whose husband, the MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, had a heart attack last week, declared firmly yesterday that she would not allow her husband to be brought to the House on a strencher to be "nodded through" the division lobby in support of the Government.

There are five other Labour MPs who, without Conservative pairs, will have to be brought into Westminster precincts so that their votes may be recorded. Con-servatives report a clean bill of health for all their rank and file.

The defectors, or possible defectors, are Mr James Sillars and Mr John Robertson, who left the Lahour Party to form the Scortish Labour Party committed to devolu-tion, and perhaps Mr Reg Prentice, the former Cabinet minister, who has been dropped as candidate at Newham, North-East, and now intends to run as an Independent Labour candidate in any general

There seems to be little reason for Mr Sillars and Mr Robertson, if they want a devolved Scottish assembly, to cast a vote against Labour, although they may use the pin-prick of abstention. Mr Prentice is also hesitating between a vote against

"I shall listen to the debate", Mr Prentice said on Independent Television News yesterday. He wanted to see the Government changing direction "so that the content of their programme and the style of government is appealing to the nation as a whole trying to create an atmosphere of national unity in getting away from the mock battles of the past ear or two". Indirectly Mr Callagban has been leav-

ing no doubt that if the Government is defeated tomorrow night he will resign as Prime Minister and precipitate a eneral election. A general election date would be finited y some commitments from which a

united Kingdom Government can scarcely extricate itself. Mr Callaghan intends to be present at the EEC summit meeting in Rome on Friday, whatever happens tomorrow might. He will then be in the chair, because the United Kingdom now holds the presidency of the EEC. holds the presidency of the EEC.

Beyond that there are local government

5, and elections for district councils in Scotland on May 3. Nationalist plans: The three Welsh nationalist MPs said in a joint statement vesterday that they would vote against the Government on the motion of confidence (our Political Staff writes).

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Mr Foot tried to pretend that there was nothing unusual in all that until a Tory reminded him that if there was not a motion relating the debate to the defence White Paper the House would be able to talk about anothing it liked

It was soon evident that the Government was in much the same difficulty as over the expenditure White Paper Mr Poot looked more and

about anything it liked.



Victorious veteran : Mr Morarji Dessi, the 81-year-old Janata Party leader and possible successor to Mrs Gandhi as Prime Minister, reacts joyfully to news of his party's continuing election victories.

Indian opposition plans to take over power

Delhi, March 21 step down as Prime Minister tomorrow, the Janata (People's) Party has announced measures to dismantle the repressive apparatus of the emergency "when we form the govern-ment." The Janata Party appeared set for a clear majority in the new Parliament. Mr B. D. Jatti, the acting President, announced early to-day that the emergency imposed in June, 1975, had been revoked. While thousands of political detainees may have to wait until after the formation of a new Corresponding to the company of th of a new Government, lawyers explained today that resort to habeas corpus and the six fundamental rights of citizens

obtain once again in India. After her resounding defeat, Mrs Gandhi was expected to be asked by the President to con-tinue running the country's affairs on a caretaker basis for the next few days. Reports about how the Prime Minister, about how the Prime Minister, who has not been seen in public, has taken the defeat differ.

"All political detainees will be released and if any proceedings are before the courts they will be reviewed; those still at large but with warrants outstanding will have them cancelled." Mr Surendra Mohan, one of the general-secretaries of

one of the general-secretaries of the Janata Party, pledged at a

With Mrs Gandhi expected to With votes counted in 363 out results were as follows: Janala Parly 176

Communist Party (Marxist) Anna-DMK (Tamil) Congress for Democracy ... Other parties and independents 20

press conference tonight after a meeting of the party's national

The outgoing administration released some of the prominent party leaders after Mrs Gandhi's decision to hold an election, but the Opposition maintained that as many as 10,000 of their party workers stayed behind bars. The Government has refused journalists requests for any sources have estimated that there are around 30,000 detainees of all kinds, With official results slow to

come in, the strength of Janata is underestimated in key states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, former Congress strongholds. But Congress was holding well in the southern states of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Mr V. C. Shukla, the former

Broadcasting, today became the fifth member of Mrs. Gandhi's Cabinet to lose his seat. Like Mr H. R. Gokhale, the Minister of Law, he was closely associ-ated with the emergency.

The Janata Party today made an appeal to the breakaway Congress for Democracy group led by Mr Jagjivan Ram, the former Minister of Agriculture, to take part in the election, fixed for Thursday, of a single parliamentary leader, who would be India's next Prime

Mr Ram won his Bihar seat although his party did not do as well as generally expected. He is a contender for the post of Prime Minister although Mr Morarji Desai, aged 81, the Janata leader and elder states-man of India, is expected to win the nomination the nomination.

The Janata spokesman indicated that, once in power, the party would introduce legislation both to annul the Prevenof Press Objectionable Matter Act and another emergency law curbing the reporting of Parlia-mentary debates. The Maintepance of Internal

Security Law would, he said, be "removed from the statute book for good", and the new Law Minister would review the evidence in the socalled Baroda dynamite case under

the Socialist leader, is held. Mr Fernandes, still in jail, won in his Bihar constituency over his Congress opponent.

The Japata Party, catching the prevailing popular mood of disgust with the excesses of the emergency era, is to insist on a
"code of austerity" for its MPs
and ministers, who will have to
disclose their sources of income.

After what has already been called "India's second night of destiny" (the first was Independence night in 1947) people continued to display their pleasure by watching, despite today being a working day, the "scoreboard" at Connar the Circus, in the centre of Delhi.

Whither it was all a vote for democracy is debatable, but the Indian people's verdict was so obviously a vote against aut's ritariaulum, symbolized by the election defeats of three members of what Bitz, the popu're weekly, called "India's gang of four"—Mr Sanjay Gardhi; Mr Bansi Lala, the Defence Minister; Mr V. C. Shukia, the Minister of Information: and Mr Om Mehia, the effective power at the Ministry of Home Affairs.

It is not often these days that in the Third World a minister of defence is defeated at the ballot box.

Mr Brezhnev accuses **US** of interference Moscow, March 21.—Mr leader added: "We will not Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet tolerate interference in our party leader, many accused the internal affairs from anyone

United States of interfering in Soviet internal affairs and said dissidents whom Washington had supported were accomplices and agents of imperialism.

Clearly responding to President Carter's outspoken backing dent Carter's outspoken backing for the human rights cause in Communist countries. Mr Brezhnev said there could be no normal development of relations between the two powers if the alleged American interference countries. ference continued.

Pounding the rostrum as he spoke to delegates at the six-teenth congress of Soviet trade unions in the Kremlin, the party leader proclaimed that dissi-dents engaging in anti-state activities would continue to be dealt with under the law. The dissidents, he said, were "out-casts . . . seeking to undermine our socialist society", and it was a "holy duty" to protect tht Soviet people from such activi-

Some Western diplomats saw Mr Brezhnev's speech as the toughest he has made since the

the division next Monday there improvement in relations was would be a motion that would raised "by outright attempts by give the Conservatives plenty of time to make up their minds about how much they wanted to increase public expenditure.

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more woebegone as Tory MPs detente era began seven years pressed him on the issue. All he would say was that before the division next Monday there improvement in relations was applied to the said a big obstacle to any time the division has been seven before the division next monday there.

development of relations on such a basis is, of course, un-Mr Brezhnev delivered his

under any pretext. A normal

speech to the 5,000 trade unionspeach to the 5,000 trane unionists only six days before Mr
Cyrus Vance, the American
Secretary of State, is due in
Moscow for the first contacts
between officials of the Carter
Administration and the Soviet leadership.
Reminding his audience of

Mr Vance's impending arrival, he declared: "We will see what he brings." But he had detected no signs of any effort by the new United States Administration in its first two months to overcome the stagnation in American-Soviet

The Soviet leader made no direct link between the American stand on human rights and the strategic arms limitation talks (Salt). But diplomatic observers said the implication of his remarks was that the attainment of an agreement to replace the 1972 Salt accord, which expires in October, might be difficult unless Washington toned down its campaign for civil liberties.

Mr Brezhnev, who is 70, spoke for almost two hours, devoting about five minutes of his speech to rejecting Western Continued on page 11, col 4

itself, Dr Castro says

rilla wars against Rhodesia and Namibia (South-West Africa) when he declared that it was the duty of African countries to liberate themselves.

independence is primarily a task which belongs to the people concerned themselves. With the solidarity and sup-port of all other progressive people, they are the ones who should realize the struggle for their independence."

Speaking at a press conference at the end of a five-day state visit to Tanzania he said the task of liberating Africa. While Cuba was prewhite-ruled southern Africa was the responsibility of the people of those countries because independence is not sent of help the chould be sort of help that should be. At present most of the mili-tary backing for the Rhodesian

tere was not a single Labour for the week. Dockers in sit-in over closure

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nyone turned up at all. Mr Harold Walker, Minister

f State for Employment, must ave thought his colleagues new something that he did not

id were already out on the ustings. For most of his

seech, opening the debate on te Redundancy Rebates Bill,

Angry dockers protesting ainst the threatened closure Preston docks yesterday aged a "sit-in" at their nion's headquarters in Transort House.

They were demanding a meetig with Mr Jack Jones, general scretary of the Transport and eneral Workers Union, over e decision by the Conservative-introlled Preston council to ear lost £1.5m. Although fewer ian two hundred men are imployed on the quayside, ockers say closure would cost any jobs in related industries. When they eventually met Mr ones, after a five-hour occuation, he rejected their imediate demand for a national ock strike. As they left the nion's headquarters the ockers shouted: "Either Jack ones pulls his finger out or we ill get him out. We are emanding a national stoppage." Ships were left idle at almost ll Britain's main ports as about 0,000 men took part in a one-

av unofficial stoppage. Mr Jones dismissed as "nonsuggestions that the ockers had prevented him rom leaving the board room,

Timely help for Big Ben from NEB

The National Enterprise Board is proposing to take a 90 per cent stake in Thwaites and Reed, a company of clockmakers, which in addition to supplying clocks for town halls, churches and famous buildings, is at the moment repairing Big Ben. The company goes back to 1740, when a Mr Aynsworth Thwaites made the Horse Guards Parade clock, which is still in use The National Enterprise Board is

ose the docks, which last Suspended sentence for Brendan Swords

Mr Brendan Swords, once described as the most wanted man in Britain, was given a suspended sentence in Dublin's Special Criminal Court. He had denied being a member of the Provisional IRA being a member of the lives of the but he had pleaded guilty to giving the police a false name when questioned Page 2

Prison preferred

One of Pakistan's main Opposition leaders is refusing to leave jail in Lahore to discuss Mr Bhutto's offer of a dialogue on alleged ballot rigging until the Prime Minister lifts the state of emergency and frees all political prisoners Page 11

French President's strategy upset

The success of the Socialist-Communist alliance in the French municipal elections has dashed President Giscard d'Estaing's hopes of extending his power-base to the left. He appears to have no certion but a door the sellice have no option but to adopt the policy of M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader—confrontation of the left in preparation for next year's parliament-Page 9

Hospital security

A shortage of funds prevented the building of a £300,000 double security fence around one of the wings of the state hospital at Carstairs, Strathchyde, an inquiry at Lanark was told. The inquiry is into the escape last November that ended in three deaths Page 7

Asbestos will go

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British Rail is to spend £7m in the next four years to remove blue asbestos lining material from the cabs of its locomorives. Guards' vans and drivers' compartments in multiple-unit trains will also be altered. Seven thousand older passenger coaches with ashestus concealed behind panels as an insulant are "far below danger levels" Page 7

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The gap between pay and prices continued to widen during January, with average earnings showing virtually no increase. Earnings have increased 5.5 per cent during the first six months of the present pay policy, with an increase of 0.1 per cent in January Page 21 Liberal manifesto

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Africa should liberate port nationalist movements in

From Nicholas Ashford Dar es Salaam, March 21

tuday appeared to rule out the possibility of Cuban troops becoming involved in the guer-

was the responsibility of the people of those countries because independence is not bought from abroad. How-ever, he added that Cuba, like other progressive countries in the world, had a duty to sup-

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Unions put full weight against move by Mrs Thatcher to turn out the Government

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Mrs Thatcher's parliamentary move to turn out the Labour Government met head-on oppo-sition from the trade unions yesterday. The important TUC-Labour Party liaison committee, meeting only two days before the crucial Commons vote of confidence, swung the full weight of the unions behind Mr Callaghan's determination to stay in power.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said last night: "We want this present government to stay in office to do the job that it has begun."

The partners to the social ontract—the Prime Minister, contract—the Prime Minister, senior Cabinet members, lead-ing figures in the Parkamentary Labour Party, and the party's national executive, and Mr Jack Jones, Mr Hugh Scanlon, and Mr David Basnett mon purpose that once again raises the spectre of a trade union clash with the Govern-ment if Labour loses office.

The statement said: "The efforts of the Government, supported by all sections of the Labour movement in the past two years to secure economic stability are now bringing clear results on the external front, and we look forward to a Budget which will have a major, positive impact on the domestic economy, both in re-ducing unemployment substantially and reinforcing the attack on inflation.

We believe Government's full recognition of the need for the closest working relatinship with trade unions has been a great service the national economy and will remain of critical import-

ance.
We are convinced that the clear priorities set out in our 1976 statement, The Nex Three Years and the Problems of Priorities, will continue to command wide support in the social, industrial, and economic spheres, in the area of develop-ing fields of democratic par-

No 'shopping

from Mr Steel

Mr Steel, the Liberal Party

leader, said vesterday before he

left Birmingham for a meeting

with the Prime Minister on

tomorrow's vote of confidence:

going to see him complete with

which we are interested. Our

effective government to carry

public shift in posture or not.

Ulster members in that there is

have said they are prepared to go to the highest bidder."

Odds on Labour victory trimmed

The odds on a government

Mr Steel, who had been in

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ticipation and in taking initia-tives as part of the world com-munity."

committee argued: "It is this broad approach that will continue to sustain a sense of direction both for the Government and Parliament, and for the nation. We believe that the people of Britain are looking to the Government for the completion of this task."

Mr Murray said he was cer-tain the TUC General Council tain the TUC General council would endorse the statement unanimously. The council meets tomorrow and the poliminster are expected to bulk large in its discussions.

There was a move at yester-day's meeting of the TUC finance and general purposes committee, for a further union avowal of support for the Labour Government, but it was considered that the joint state-ment would be sufficient.

Signatories to the statement were Mr Jones, Mr Scanlou, Mr Basnett, Mr Murray, and Mr Basnett, Mr Murray, and Mr George Smith, from the TUC; the Prime Minister. Mr Foot, Mr Booth, Mr Healey, Mr Varley, Mr Mulley, Mr Benn, of the Babinet; and Mr Cledwyn Hughes. Mr Norman Atkinson, Mr Tom Bradley, and Mrs Castle fro mthe parliamnetary party and the executive.

statement ought not to be taken as an indication that the unions are faltering in their support of the Labour Administration. That was made clear in radio interviews yesterday with Mr Tom Jackson, the Post Office workers' leaders, and Mr Lawrence Daly, the mineworkers' general

Mr Jackson said the policy of a potential Conservative Admin-istration was "very worrying" to the union movement. "Obto the union movement. viously our attitude to any government is bound to be conditioned by the attitude of that government towards us."

He said there would have to be changes in the Conservative approach to unemployment,

spending cuts, wages and mone-tary policy. Discussions with a Thatcher government on incomes and prices would fail.
"This is a hard-nosed Conservative lot and I would imagine that the British trade union movement would find it very difficult to cooperate with them

in an income policy."

Mr Daly said: "I see no indication from Mrs Thatcher or any of the other Conservative men that they would be spokesmen that they ikely to produce an economic policy with which the TUC policy with which the TUC could cooperate as they are do-ing with the Labour Govern-

Scargill warning: The Labour Government is rushing headlong towards self-destruction, Mr Arthur Scargill said yesterday (the Press Association reports).
"Unless there is a reversal of policy I can see no alterna-tive but defeat at the next general election, he said in his presidential address to the annual meeting of the York-shire area council of the National Union of Mineworkers

National Union of Mineworkers in Barnsley.

"I would ask before it is too late that the Government reverse its policies now and start to proceed along the lines laid down in the manifesto submitted in the 1974 general elections."

The past two years could only be described as disastrous for the union movement. The clarion call for 1977 should be get rid of the social contract and return to free collective He added: "It is a tragedy

and a crime that the trade union movement have stood idly by and allowed this state idly by and allowed this state of affairs to take place. There is not one man in this union, nor in the Labour and trade union movement, who would doubt for one moment that had we a Conservative Administration in power today, and a million and a half people out of a job, the whole movement would have been on the march in a massive protest against government policies."

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Ulstermen see no incentive in prospect of an election

The Prime Minister and Mr Foot, leader of the Commons, held an hour-long meeting vesterday afternoon in the Prime Minister's room with the Ulster Unionist leaders, on whose support the survival of the Government tomorrow probably

a shopping list of subjects in depends.
There was silence from Downing Street after the meeting with Mr James Molyneaux. interest is mainly a stable and parliamentary leader of the eight United Ulster Unionist our the fight against inflation. It is really a question of a Coalition MPs, and Mr Enoch Powell, renegade Conservative. Douth,

no price he can offer us for our support on Wednesday evening. The Ulster members Birmingham to support Mr Graham Gopsill, the Liberal candidate in the forthcoming Stechford by election, said he with a strong Tory one. There is also no incentive for the Ulsterman in the prospect of election as such. Contrary to the impression

being given over the weekend, Mr Molyneaux did not see Mrs Thatcher yesterday, nor has he any apparent intention of doing

Despite the belligerence of some of the UUC MPs, there is a feeling among senior Ulster-men that they have been pitchforked into a situation they did not particularly want. The ground has not been prepared for coalition-style deals

Mr Molyneaux and Mr Powell Labour-inclined mentor of the "deals" as such were available.
Ulstermen. But there was a The difficulty is more that of told yesterday that " deals " as such were available. obserment. But there was a significant lack of rancour from how far the two sides can be the Unionist side afterwards.

Those close to Mr Molyneaux other, and how far Mr Molyneaux and Mr Powell can sell bring the Labour Government down, only to see it replaced MPs.

MPs who intend to retire

sternord by-election, said he believed that a general election after tomorrow's vote was more likely than not and he had made arrangements in his constitu-

victory toniorrow were trimmed by Ladbroke's, the bookmakers, last night. Its closing prices were 7-4 on for a government victory, sand 5-4 against it defeat, compared with 2-1 on and 6-4 against earlier.

Joe Coral offered odds of 3-1 on that Labour would win, with the Tories 2-1 against.

The company said it expected

The following MPs have announced that they will not he standing at the next general election:
Labour: Mr Strauss (Lambeth, Vauxhali), who is Fasther of the House; Mr Blenkinsop (South Shields); Mr Boyden (Bishop Aucklaud; Mr Woof (Blaydon); Mr James (Dorset, North); Mr Alfred Broughton (Baniey and Morfey); Mr Mellatien (Huddersfield, East); Mr Boardman (Leigh); Mr Lee (Birmingham, Handworth): Mr M. Stewart (Hannersmith, Fulham), the former Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary; Sir Myer Galpern (Gasgow, Shettlestna), who is deputy chairman of Ways and Morfey); Mr Code (Bristol, West); Sir John Gimour (Fife, East); Mr Clark Hutchison (Engleth); Mr Code, (Engleth); Sir John Gimour (Fife, East); Mr Clark Hutchison (Bath); Sir Harwood Harrison (Bath); Sir Harwood Harrison (Eye); Sir George Sinclain (Dorkwho is deputy chairman of Ways and Meaus; Mr A. Hunter (Dunfermline); Mr Doig (Dundee), West); Mr Lapson (Lambeth, and Mr More (Ludiow).

money to fight election

By George Clark Political Correspondent

While Mr Callaghan and Mr Foot were wheeling and dealing with the minority parties at Westminster the party organ-izers began to prepare for a snap election. For contingency snap election. For comingenty planning they are assuming that the election could take place on April 28, although the parties might agree to let Parliament run for one or two weeks to complete essential, agreed busi-

Hit by the effects of infla-tion, none of the parties is fin-ancially strong to fight an elec-tion, and it would appear that Labour is the worst placed. According to accounts published in October, the general election fund stood at £331,000. Although it used to be estimated that the it used to be estimated that the party could fight an effective campaign on £500,000, a full-scale campaign today would probably. cost more £750,000.

When there is an innerval of four or five years between elections the income from the unions' political levy mounts up to a reasonable sum. But there were two elections in 1974, which made big inroads into the funds, and there has not been much time to build up the reserves again.

the reserves again.

Nevertheless Labour organizers were taking a philosophical view yesterday. Union leaders have indicated that they have "scraped the barrel" to find extra funds for the party, and to his emergency appropriate. extra funds for the party, and no big emergency subventions are expected from that source, but officials say that the party could manage with the finance now available if it was a short, sharp campaign without the need for expensive advertising. The Liberals, having slimmed their organization, have recently begun to build up an election reserve. The efforts of Mr Philip Warkins, the treasurer, have ben supplemented

surer, have ben supplemented by some effective fund-raising schemes organized by Mr Clement Freud, chairman of the party's finance and administration board.

tion board.

In the Conservative camp there is confidence that the party can mount an effective campaign in spite of inflation. The activities of two party reasurers, Lord Ashdown and Lord Chelmer (who is soon to resign), have ben supplemented since 1975 by a third treasurer. since 1975 by a third treasurer, Mr Alistair McAlpine, who broadened the party's appeal in the City and among indus-trialists.

Seed vigour test should improve cereal yields

By Our Agricultural

Correspondent
A test said to eliminate yield
waste in cereals is to be used for the first time this year by two of the largest crop supply companies in Britain. They say that even though more than that even though more nine tenths of a batch of seed may germinate, its yield may still be dragged down by lack

still be dragged down by lack of vigour.

Research in Britain has been done by the RHM bread, grocery and farm-supplies company at the Lord Rank Research Centre at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and by the Nickerson seed, pig and duck group at Rothwell, Lincolnshire.

Dr Michael Carver, head of seed technology at Rothwell Plant Breeders, said: "Nobody really knows what seed vigour is, but we know what the consequences of not having it are. It is recognized that nobody has as much data on cereal seed vigour as we have."

EEC rules require at least 85 of each 100 cereal seeds sold to

EEC rules require at least 85 of each 100 cereal seeds sold to germinate. Dr Carver said that lack of vigour could reduce the proportion that appeared above ground to 60 in winter-sown crops. Two lots of seed that qualified legally for sale might show a yield difference of more than a quarter.

Squeezed profits on arable farms have made farmers and their suppliers seek ways of producing the greatest possible yields.

Labour likely Borough's 15-year plan would put to have least emphasis on mental-health needs

By Our Social Services
Correspondent
An ambitious plan aimed at removing social services from the political arena and setting a framework for their development over the next 15 years will be presented for formal approval tonight at the meeting of the London borough of Hillingdon social services commit-

If passed, as is expected, the plan will result in much greater emphasis being placed on the needs of the mentally ill and mentally handicapped, at the expense of capital investment in old people's homes. in old people's homes.

The plan says: "The major gaps in the services which need to be provided lie in the mental health field. . In crude terms, we have perhaps helf the volume of services for the mental health field. volume of services for the mentally handicapped that is needed, perhaps 25 per cent for the mentally ill, and 75 per cent for the elderly and physically handicapped."

The plan defines in broad and detailed terms how the social services should be developed locally up to 1991. It has been

locally up to 1991. It has been devised, on the basis of a series of research reports on indi-vidual services, precisely be-cause the present financial out-

prepare plans carefully, know-

A hundred of "some of the

most troublesome clients" of the Inner London Probation and

After Care Service, previously regarded as unemployable, were found jobs last year under a pioneer sheltered work scheme

for young former prisoners and

The project, Bulldog Man-

power Services, was established in October, 1975, by the Inner London Probation Service with a

two-year grant of £100,000 a year from the Home Office Urban Deprivation Unit.

In a report, published yesterday, on its first year it says

the reason was to tackle the

of the service's clients, whose chances of a lawful, self-

A film based on the life of Christ, which is to be shown on independent television, was praised by church leaders who saw extracts from it lasting

Loodon yesterday. The film, Franco Zeffirelli's

Jesus of Nazareth, last about six frours and will be shown on

Palm Sunday and Easted Dey, Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Hume, said he was

pleased that the mystery and

deeper meaning had come through and he rescribed the

as " quite fantastic ".

Driver should

prosecution says

A fatal motorway coach crash occurred when Robert Johansen

the coach driver, was returning home after "an enormously

long journey across the south

of England", it was stated at

of England", it was stated at Bristol Crown Court yesterday. Mr Johansen, aged 26, had driven from Plymouth to Lydd airport. Sent and on the return journey his tmpty coach crashed through the central reservation barrier of the M4 near Chippenham and into oncoming traffic, Mr Nigel Hamilton, for the prosecution said. "This man should not have taken this journey back at all without taking long rests", he added.

have rested,

By Kenneth Goslin

Church leaders praise

film on Christ's life

By Diana Geddes

ing that they will have to be revised at least every other year, would provide a better basis from which to develop than simply waiting until the economic climate eases. Mr Kenneth Gigs, chairman of social services, believes that a change of central or local government would affect the plan only by extending the timescale over which it could be implemented.

mented.

"This plan has been considered by an all-party working group and it is applical", he said. "Given the will and resources, it could be implemented in five years; but with further financial restraints on us it could take up to 15."

Although the plan is unusual in forecasting so far ahead when most social service departments are concentrating departments are concen on saving essential services-from cuts, it will nevertheless

provide enough development to meet existing needs within national guidelines.

Hillingdon has spant large sums, which have nevertheless dwindled both in relative and absolute terms in the past three years, since its social service department was established in 1971. But it faces large gaps in provision, particularly in domicilizry services for the elderly, one-parent families and families with children generally and the

sufficient life were greatly diminished by their inability to hold down a job. None of the men chosen had

had continuous employment for more than three months in the preceding year. All had criminal

records and were aged between

Work included clearing High-gate cemetery, fitting out dere-lict land and resovating historic

The men receive 90p-£1.25 an hour, slightly less than the going rate. Each employee's net public subsidy is £17-£22 a week, deducting supplementary.

benefits the man would have received if unemployed.

dog by lest October, 17 had permanent jobs, 19 had

Of 67 men who had left Bull-

The film would be gripping

for any audienc ejust as a story,

but for anybody who read the

gospel it would reinforce the

actual text and give it a new

meaning for a lot of people.

"It is a remarkable thing for anybody who has never heard of Christianity,", he added.

The Bishop of St Alban's, the

is chairman of the Central Religious Advisory Council, sai

the film had moments of crea-

tive genius and some scenes that might make the sophisti-

Police think art

The police believe that a highly organized gang of art and antique thieves may be operating in central and east Scotland. So far the haul is estimated to be approaching six figures.

gang at work

in Scotland

Right Rev Robert Runcie

the national average; and it has one of the best records in the country for adaptations to the homes of disabled people. This year the borotish expects to spend £145,000 on adapting 1,080 homes.

But mentally handicapped people are still being cared for in hospital conditions that, the plan says, would cause a public outcry if they were used for other people, although Mr Gigg is careful to point out that that is a result of the low priority and fack of resources given to such hospitals.

ices for elderly people have grown considerably they need to be doubled to keep pace with the demand, particularly when the number of elderly people is growing fast. In addition, the number of chaldren in care has suddenly increased by a tenth for rea sons that seem to be connected with the economic stresses of

resigned with no job, four were in custody after offences and 27 were dismissed by Bulldog

usually for failure to attend work, but in mine cases for

gross misconduct, including

valence and thest.

Buildog Manpower Services Ltd.,

Report on the first year (October 1975-October 1976 (Inner London Probation and After-Care Service,

73 Great Peter Street, London,

Workers' convictions: The

Apex Trust (Advancing the Prospects of Employment for Ex-Offenders) appointed a

former accountant jailed for fraud as employer liaison offi-

cer yesterday and said that by the yest 2013 more than one in

four of the adult working population will have been con-victed by the time they retire.

Unions pressing

to use Nimrods

Union leaders are pressing Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, to support the use of Nimrod sircraft as part of

the Nato early-warning system

in order to protect seven thou-sand jobs at Hawker Siddeley. They fear that the Government

may support the American Boeing Awacs, which, according to

inter-union disagresments he

has mer separately the elec-tricisms unions and the Con-federation of Shipbuilding and

He told the Electrical, Elec-tronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union that there was a commitment to Nato allies to support the Awacs

Engineering Union.

company, will ensure only

By Christopher Thomas

for Nato

sentence

There are three areas where the borough can claim to be ahead of other authorities. It has a highly developed specialist range of services for the blind and deaf; the number of field and residential special workers who are professionally qualified is much higher than the national average; and it has one of the best records in

wanted man in Ragland.

Mr Swords, a former town clerk of Carrickmarross, on Monaghan, had pleaded guint to giving a false name to Irist Special Branch detectives on February 1, but he said be disso. in an effort to live a quietly as possible.

He told the cover the le told the court that he left England last year after newspaper campaign had named him as the country, most wanted man. He had been in England since 1970, working such hospitals.

Although domiciliary serv-

He explained that he now uses the names Michael Flangan or Michael Maguire in an effort to live quietly. He was in fear of agents who might want to settle a score and he was in dread of "people across the water".

He told the maguire in the maguire in the mater in the maguire He told the judges that he had never been charged or convicted in England and the Jobs found for former prisoners

victed in England and that had not been engaged in political or subversive activities since returning to Ireland Mr Patrick McEntee, his commod, sel, said he had been the victim of an irresponsible newspaper campaign in England.

Mr Justice Marton, president of the court, said the decision to suspend the sentence should not be taken as a precedent in was a serious crime, but there was a serious crime, but there were special circumstances.
Mr Swords was acquitted of being a member of the IRA.

Most wanted

a suspended

From Our Correspondent

A suspended sentence of two

A suspended sentence of two years' imprisonment was in posed by the Special Crimina Court in Dublin yesterday of Brendan Swords, aged 35, a company director, who we once described as the most wanted man in England.

Dublin

man' gets

Mr Mason fails to win over Ulster coalition From Christopher Walker

Mr Meson, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, has denied any change of govern-ment heart on devolution for the province.

In a reply to Mr William Craig, the independent Uster Unionist MP for Belfast, East, who had taken issue with Mr Mason's remark in the Commons last week that there would not he a return to "a return t

not be a return to "a one-pany state", the minister wrote:

"Let me at once reason you that my phrase one-pany state, which was, as you know, made off the cuff, was a 'showhand' term and did not represent the cuff.

sent any departure from declared government policy.

The message I wished to get across was that the Government had rejected the Convention report and that Parliament had made clear that any future system of devalued government in Northern Ireland must be one on which both the Unions have received no majority and minority sections of the community could agree that the Government is not going to lay down hard and fast rules about how such an agreement is to be arrived at or what form it should take."

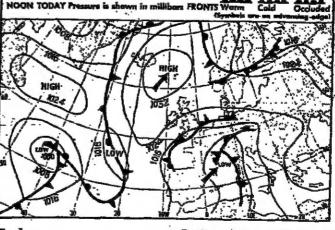
Mr Craig last night dismissed parts of the letter as wholly unsatisfactory and Mr Harry West, leader of the independent unionists' coalition, said that it offered them nothing new.

Girl's body found

The body of Charrangit Kaut The body of Charrangit Kauf Gill, aged 17, whose parents appeared at Wolverbampton Magistrates Court last week charged with her murder has been found by a fisherman at Pitts Island, in the Severn muriles upstream from Highley, Salon.

The police believe that a highly organized gang of art and antique thieves may be operating in central and east Scotland. So far the haul is estimated to be approaching six figures. Dumimarle Castle and museum at Culross, Fife, was raided at the weekend and more than £2,000 of antiques stolen. Among the âtems were ivory pieces, Venetian glass, flintlock pistols and silver candlesticks. Support the Awacs Work on the Nimrod "mark two" version should reach Hawker Siddeley by the end of the year and last for at least three years, the company said yesterday. "After that, seven thousand jobs could be put at risk and we do not know what, if anything, would be available. At best, we see 450 jobs being provided between the air frame and avionics sides by the Awacs."

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

7.17 pm Moon rises: Moon sets: 7.58 am 10.26 pm First Quarter: March 27. Lighting up: 7.47 pm to 6.27 am.

Eightung up: 7.47 pm to 6.27 am. High water: London Bridge, 4.17 am, 7.3m (24.0ft); 4.38 pm, 7.3m (24.0ft). Avonmouth, 9.51 am, 13.4m (44.0ft): 10.1 pm, 13.2m (43.2ft). Dover, 1.19 am, 6.3m (22.3ft); 1.34 pm, 6.6m (21.6ft). Hull, 8.38 am, 7.1m (23.3ft); 8.44 pm, 7.2m (23.5ft). Liverpool, 1.31 am, 9.1m (29.7ft); 1.45 pm, 9.2m (36.2ft). A NE airstream covers the British Isles, with a trough of low pressure crossing S areas.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, East Angila, Midlands,
SE, 5 and SW England, Champel
Isles, S Wales: Cloudy, outbreaks
of rain or drizzle, inkl fog; wind
NE fresh or strong; max temp
8°C (46°F).

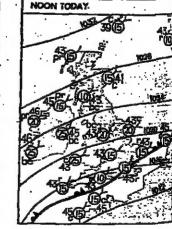
Borders, E. N and NE England, Edinburgh, Dundee: Rather cloudy, scattered showers, bright intervals, a little snow on high ground; wind NE moderate or fresh; max remp 8°C (46°F).

NW England, Lake District, N Wales: Mainly dry, variable cloud, sundy intervals; wind NE moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).
Glasgow, Argyll, SW and NW Scotland, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Mainly dry, sunny intervals, wind NE, light or moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).
Aberdeen. Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shedland: Bright Intervals, isolated winty showers; wind NE light or moderate; max temp 7°C (45°F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Thurs.

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Rather cold and cloudy in S and E with rain at times; mainly dry in N and NW with sunny intervals and temps nearer normal.

Ses passages: S North Sea. Strait of Dover: Wind NE, strong.





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English Channel (E): Wind NE, fresh or strong; sez rough.
St George's Channel: Wind NE,
strong, locally gale; sea rough of very rough.

Irlsh Sea: Wind NE, fresh or strong; sea rough.

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 7°C (45°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 4°C (35°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 4°C (35°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 91 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, 0.1in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, ndl. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,015.5 millibars, rising.

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By Christopher Warman Correspondent

The Government's views on how to tackle the difficulties of inner-city areas are unbalanced and unrealistic, the Association of District Councils says in a memorandum to Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the

Responding to the government-sponsored inner-area studies, and to Mr Shore's recent pronouncements on the need for help for such areas, the association says the Govern-ment is in danger of overlooking the deprivation that exists in many urban and rural areas outside London and the big

"To single out the inner urban areas of the main conurbations for further special treatment may well only distort overall priorities, and will not result in the best use of limited national resources", the memorandum adds.

The association, which has

Bristol, Hull, Leicester, Notting-ham and Southampton councils among its members, has carried out its own survey. It shows that such cities suffer from industrial decline, unemployment, poverty, and housing and social stress, difficulties such as we found in the central areas of the main conurbations. It asks that before further aid for the metropolitan areas and London is considered there should be a "clear statement of the present spending on propriorities within those areas. indust it says that it is disturbed areas.

Students end sit-in

Essex University students decided yesterday to end their occupation in a protest against increased fees, after the proctor and registrar had travelled to London to seek a High Court repossession order.

by the implications of recent ministerial statements that the inner areas must get their "fair share" of resources and that because of economic limitations any extra resources will have to come from public spending funds, the amount of which has

been fixed.

The fear is that the extra resources that have been going to London and the metropolitan areas during the past few years are considered less than a "fair share and that the future will sources from the non-metropolibring further transfers of re-

"The broad-brush approach of the past few years has been to push a greater proportion of grant into the metropolitan areas and to London without any assurance that the ad di-tional funds were being spent on the most needy parts of those areas", the memerandum

says.
If the Government wanted to allocate extra resources for inner urban areas it should be done by specific grants for particular, small areas of special stress, whether in the main conurbations or not. The areas should be identified in accordance with agreed criteria.

The association also doubts the wisdom of abandoning the "well tested and successful strategy of planned dispersal" to new and expanding towns in favour of what it considers to be the less cost-effective policies of concentrating too much on providing new homes and industries in the inner urban

Mr Sellers recovers

Mr Peter Sellers, who was in Charing Cross Hospital, London yesterday after collapsing on a flight from Nice, expects to go home on Thursday. His illness was thought to be poisoning after earing oysters.

Man in the news: Mr Robert Armstrong

Taking private secretary's art to new levels

Mr Robert Armstrong, who will succeed Sir Arthur Peter-son as Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Home

Secretary of State at the Home Office on July 1, is in the classic mould of the mineteenth-century public servant produced by the great Civil Service reform of the 1870s.

Robert Lowe, the Liberal who did most to secure such reforms, would recognize him instantly as one of those disinterested, high-minded individuals, "true votaries" he called them, bred by the "freemasonry" of public school and ancient university.

"freemasonry" of public school and ancient university. Classical scholarship imparted at the Dragon School, Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, is no longer a fashionable or universally admired progression. But few who have worked with him, whether ministers or fellow "votaries", have ever doubted that Robert Armstrong is good very good. Armstrong is good, very good, at his job.

The son of a former Principal of the Royal Academy of Music, he plumped for a public service career while at school in the last years of the Second World War. Sir John Maud (now Lord Redcliffe Maud), a friend of his father's and one of the sifted father's and one of the gifted irregulars seconded from the universities to Whitehall for the duration, used to hold musical evenings, which the young Robert attended at his home in

Windsor.
It was Sir John's hand that guided him to a career that has encompassed the Treasury, the Cabinet Office and 10 Downing

Street Mr Armstrong's break-through came in 1957 when, as a young principal, he was appointed secretary to the Radcliffe committee on the working of the monetary system. He returned to the home finance division of the Treasury to build up a corpus of monetary existing working

f monetary statistics. His most notable contribu-tion to public administration to

private secretary's art to new levels of refinement. It has been a gilded sequence embracing Sir Wilfrid Eady, a Treasury second secretary, Mr Reginald Mauding, as Economic Secretary, Mr R. A. (now Lord Butler of Saffron Walden) as Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Roy Jenkins in the same post, crowned by a five-year spell at No 10 as principal private secretary to Mr Heath and Sir Harold Wilson.

The top official post at the

The top official post at the Home Office will be his first big test as a manager of men and institutions, as he readily admits. He is skilled at policy advice, and his abilities as a draftsman, a rapid dispatcher of business and as aide and confidant to great men are not in doubt.

Successive permanent secre-taries have tried to open up the Home Office, for historical reasons regarded as the grimmest of government departments, by reducing its isolation from the rest of Whitehall and helping to ease its traditional dilemma as the focus for two conflicting im-pulses in British life, the drive for reform and the desire for law and order. Mr Armstrong intends to take that process a step or two farther.

Already at 49 a strong candi-date for the Cabinet secretaryship when Sir John Hunt re-tires in two and a half years, Mr Armstrong's new post and the ones likely to come afford him the chance to leave an enduring mark on British public

Mr Armstrong has little to learn about the stately minuet that has to be danced in the rarified reaches of Whitehall. His footwork during the Lady Falkender years at No 10, for example, can onely be described in the words Churchill used of Arthur Ralfour's transition from Arthur Balfour's transition from the Asquith to the Lloyd George Cabinet in 1916: He was "like



a powerful and graceful cat walking delicately and unsoiled walking delicately and unsoiled manager of men and institutions at the Home Office.

Intermediate stage in child-care gets boost

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Confirmation that "intermediate treatment" can help to rehabilitate delinquents and prevent children at risk from appearing before the courts is provided today in a report from the National Children's Buresu.

It is the first report to assess the relevance of intermediate treatment, which provides help for children at a stage between leaving them at home under social work supervision and social work supervision and taking them into residential

The idea of usin gintermediate treatment instead of residential care has received a boost from the Government, in a circular urging transfer of resources to it and in a London regional conference held pri-vately last weekend to discuss

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, has en-dorsed the idea that it provides a better way of helping chil-dren in trouble than locking them away.

The bureau's report empha-sizes that, while there are diffi-culties, the method has proved successful in seven intermediare treatment schemes spon-sored by the Government and local authorities. The schemes, were based in multible purpose which lasted from 1970 to 1975, family advice centres and copcentrated on encouraging young people to use the services pro-vided rather than accepting references from other agencies.

In one area a father noticed that the queue of about 30 mothers waiting to take their children to court each week had dwindled to a few. A policeman said the work had led to a reduction of delinquency, and a boy aged 14 told the researchers: "I guess the people at the centre were trying to show the kids there was

no need to get into trouble. I think they were successful in that they kept us off the streets and showed us that there were a lot of things to do." All the schemes were based firmly in the communities they served and relied on cooperation with local people. There was resentment in some areas that the schemes concentrated on delignment and on delinquents and were per-missive in character, but the feeling diminished as local people became more involved.

Mr Aryeb Leissner, a bureau researcher, said: "We tried to demonstrate that the best place to work with children is where they live, in their own com-munity. The only way you will be successful in doing so is by getting the backing of that community."

The report recommends more central government financial support for intermediate treatbe run in close cooperation with the local area teams of social service departments.

Intermediate Treatment, by Arych Leissner, Terry Powley and Dave Evans (National Children's Burean 8 Wakiey Street, London ECIV 7QE, 21-80).

Mother and girl killed

A mother and her daughter aged eight were stabled to death in their home in Dorrington Gardens, Hornchurch, Greater London, yesterday. A man who had wrist injuries was taken to hospital.

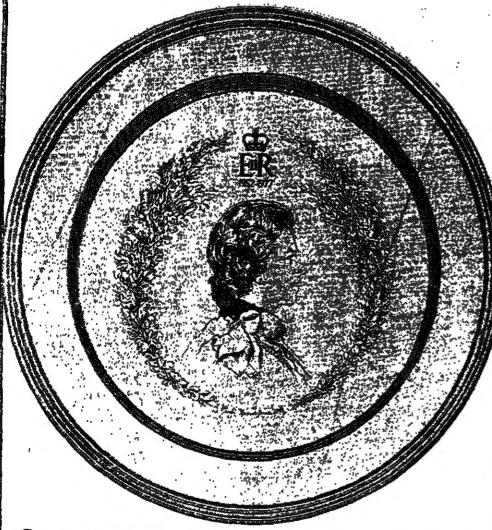
Extra legs removed

A boy aged three months from Lincolnshire, who was born with four legs had two legs and a pelvic bone removed at Sheffield Children's Hospiral yesterday. He was said to be

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F ALL THE Arrists who might be associated with the Silver Jubilee of Her Majory The Queen, one name stands supreme: Pretto-dung-

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The Welsh are not short of voice and no doubt there will be plenty of steam let off at today's one-day conference for Welsh educationists, employers and parents in Cardiff. But will the debate, centred as it is on core curriculum, testing, teacher

Education Correspondent

training and relations with in-dustry, throw much light on the principality's particular difficul-It is clear that many of the senior administrators of South Giamorgan Education Authority, Glamorgan Education Authority, the hosts of today's conference, are just a touch cynical about the whole exercise. For example, Mr Fred Adams, director of education, says: "The great debate, with its emphasis on academic success and training antineers is miles above the engineers, is miles above the heads of a sizable number whos aspirations are bound to be

The main difficulty in his district of 75,000 schoolchildren, covering Cardiff, Barry and Penarth, is the "alienated pupil". He explains: "The truancy rate in Wales is higher than in England, and we seem to be too of the league in Wales." Wales."

Mates.

Last month's attendance figure of nearly 89 per cent is a good deal better than in February, 1976, when it was 84.5 per cent. But Mr Adams sees little cause for complacency. Secondary schools in some

Secondary schools in some areas are down to an average attendance of less than four-fifths, he says, but it may be one-fifth of the pupils away one day and a completely different fifth away the next. "This is not merely a question of social deprivation: it is a appearing of finding some relequestion of finding some relevant education for them. This has so far baffled us."

Cut in foreign

sought by unions

said yesterday that they also wished to discuss the use of "hybrid" products, intended for use in broadcasting and the

unions argue that the existing use of material of this kind prejudices the ability of the national broadcasting organizations fully to reflect the national

culture and impairs the contri-bution that British artists, writers and broadcasters can make to that culture."

They had pledged joint action

to secure their objectives. The seven hope to be joined by the eighth, the National Association of Television and Kine Em-ployees, after the union's execu-

tive has met at the end of this

An appeal was opened yester-

Club and the Onford Mail for six children who were orphaned by the car crash in which Peter Houseman, the footballer, his wife and two friends died on

Fund for orphans

TV material

By Our Arts Reporter

films on television.

For Dr Trevor Jones, who is in charge of 18 advisers, the great debate appears to be a big smoke-screen. "What is the point of holding a one-day conference? The Government is just trying to show that it is concerned," he says. "It does not take into account the good practice that has always occurred in good schools all the time.

already exists, and to impose a more precise one would be allerate teachers and hamper their professional judgment, local expertise and knowledge of their children.

Where then is the value of todays exercise? Mr Adams, like some of his follow directors of education in other parts of the country, feels that it is a communication exercise. the time.

The Education debate: Administrators are sceptical

'Smokescreen' of one-day events

"We do not want a common system like other countries. The British system can be proud of its freedom of education. It is unique and one of the best systems in the world. Anything else will not give progress. It will result in frag-Mr Ronald Garrod, assistant

director for schools, would not go as far as calling the debate a smoke-screen, but he is apprebensive. He is afraid that amateurs rather than pro-fessionals may get control of teacher appointments as a result. "We feel", he said, that we are either tackling or have succeeded as well as we

have succeeded as well as we can in most elements that the debate has to cover."

Certainly South Glamorgan is beginning to develop close links between schools and industry. Teachers are being seconded to companies for short periods, and some companies have adopted schools. As a result of the Education (Works Experience). Act. 1973. about Experience) Act, 1973, about 140 pupils aged 15 have been engaged on Post Office courses. The latest proposal is for employers who complain about the poor level of recruits to go

on two-day visits to the schools.

Mr Adams and other officers
give the impression that the
recent criticisms of standards
are a bit old bat. Testing is a far more sophisticated process as they a than public debate can ever also crear touch. The core curriculum for them.

parts of the country, feels that it is a communication exercise whereby employers and parents can be persuaded that their call for a return to basic subjects is outdated. But some members of his

staff have an uneasy feeling that parents and employers are right to be concerned about hat was happening. Dr David Kippest, in charge of staffing and salaries, says: "There does tend to be a lack of discipline in schools. We had a letter in schools. We ned a letter from a cleaner complaining about filth. I was quite shocked by what I found when I visited the school concerned."

Mr Ray Hamley, in charge of students grams, telle of school-leavers who cannot fill in a simple form correctly. quite common for students applying for one of the City and Guilds of London Institute courses to write 'Citylungils', he says. "We are moving away from basic education. We are clustering it up with all sorts of liberal studies."

Finally, Mr Lyn Cule, in charge of buildings and re-sources, is preparing to design primary schools with more enclosed units for formal teaching and secondary schools with more workshops and domestic science rooms, because the great debate is making them the fachion. But he wonders, as they all wonder, if it will also create the money to pay

Spelling 'a trivial matter', teacher claims

By Owen Surridge A representative of teachers

Seven of the eight unions of English yesterday told the House of Commons subcommitworkers, performers and writers tee looking into educational are seeking immediate meetings with the directors-general of the BBC and the Independent Broadcasting Authority to pro-test about increasing use of foreign material and cinema he thought sptiling was a trivial matter. " It is not strictness or lack of strictness that matters so much as consistency in the teaching", he said. He was speaking in evidence given They want a marked reducrion in the use of such material. by the National Association for A statement by the Federa-on of Broadcasting Unions

the Teaching of English. of different kinds. Some stem from lack of care, others from

ignoranct or psychological aberration."

The hearing started with an argument between the chair-man, Miss Janet Eookes, MP, and Mr Adams over the lanattainment in the schools that guage in which the evidence suage in which the evidence was presented. Miss Fookes told him his report was "jam-packed" with jargon. "Surely those who teach English should be able to express their views more shortly than this", she said. Mr Adams contended that

the association's evidence was Challenged to justify the concisely written, "I will not remark. Mr Anthony Adams, comment on the remark about secretary of the association, said: "Spelling mistakes are of different kinds. Some stem

Thomson sells its interest in Slough newspaper

Agreement has been reached for Westminster Press to acquire for a nominal consideration the Thomson Organisation interest in the Evening Mail, Slough, which immediately becomes a wholly owned subsidiary of Westminster Press. Hitherto each company held half the shares.

held half the shares.

Mr Julian Marshall, chief executive of the Evening Mail, is resigning to take another post with the Thomson Organiby Mr David Spencer-Crow, who becomes director and general manager of Evening Mail. Mr Spencer-Crow has

Agreement has been reached been secretary and chief or Westminster Press to accountant of the company cquire for a nominal consideration the Thomson Organi-

The Evening Mail has had heavy trading losses since its hanch in 1969. Westminster Press said it has prepared a scheme designed to secure the future of the newspaper and to safeguard all but 11 of more than 150 jobs involved. The newspaper will continue to be newspaper will continue to be printed under contract by King & Hutchings, Uxbridge, a Westminster Press division. It appears from Monday to Friday and some and in the contract of the contrac day only, and its average daily sale exceeds 36,000 copies.



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Liberals seek more democratic control over local services

By John Chartres

The Liberal Party's manifesto for the forthcoming metropolitan county council elections calls for a renewed campaign for democratic control
over such matters as expensions

outside London, which were
created during the local
government reorganization and
where the first elections since
their formation by a "shadow
poll" in 1973 will take place paign for democratic control over such matters as economic planning, health services, water supplies, gas and electricity, all at present administered by cen-tral government agencies or

non-elected bodies. The manifesto says the re-organization of local govern-ment three years ago has pro-ved an example disaster and community that the Liberal proposals for regional assemblies have been proved right.

The metropolitan county councils are too remote to carry out certain community services and yet they are too small to deal with matters that require regional resources and

require regional resources and power", it says.

The manifesto also draws attention to excessive "shunting" of plans between county and district councils. "Planning should be more precise. Councils should be encouraged to designate land for specific purposes." It alleges that in mo many metropolitan countoo many metropolitan counties administration is "flabby" and that there is little true financial accountability.

The manifesto was released Mr Bayley chought of simultaneously yesterday in increase their holding the six metropolitan countles council to at least 15.

on May 5.
In Greater Manchester, coun cillor Gordon Bayley, leader of the 12 Liberals on the council of 106 members, said that Liberal policies had saved and could continue to save tens of thousands of pounds of ratepayers' money. There was a complete absence of an effective financial reporting system on Greater Manchester Coun-

The Liberal group's financial spokesman Councillor Robert Tilley, said: "Local government administration is unbelievably inefficient. It cannot make decisions quickly enough

and it cannot apply resources in the right places.

Mr Bayley said that unless he had satisfactory explanations and promises of action on certain matters he was investigating he would have no hesitation in calling in the dis-trict auditor. "That is a simple ratepayers' prerogative and I shall use it if necessary",

The Liberals hope to field more than 50 candidates and Mr Bayley thought they should increase their holding on the

Yard man questioned

officer denied at the Central Criminal Court yesterday that he or his men had leaked information to the press immediately before the arrest of detectives accused in the por-nography bribery trial.

Assistant Commissioner Gilbert Kelland agreed that there had been a leak to the press but said it had not come from him or his officers. There had not been a deliberate attempt to gain maximum publicity for

when Mr Moody and others

were arrested at their bomes at 7.30 am on February 28 last year a large number of reporters and photographers were waiting outside the Asked how that came about, Mr Kelland replied: "Press sources are unknown to me. The information did not come from my office or from my officers."

Mr Kelland was asked about an alleged attempt to keep former Commander Wallace the arrests.

Wirgo out of the prosecution
Mr Kelland, questioned by because he was "close to Sir
Mr Robin Simpson, for the Robert Mark". He said the
defence of Der Chief Supt
Alfred Moody, agreed that true.

Keep second class mail at $6\frac{1}{2}$ p, PO told

The Mail Users' Association,

which represents the Post Office's largest commercial customers, yesterday urged the corporation not to put up the price of second-class mail.

In a memorandum sent to the Post Office and the Post Office Users' National Council. the association recommends that the proposed increase in first-class rates should be agreed to only on condition that the corporation can show that it has met several conditions. including its own targets for quality of service, for four consecutive weeks.

The Post Office is proposing that the basic first-class letter rate should be increased by ip to 9p and that second-class letters should go up by 1p to 7p. At the same time the basic weight step would be cut from 60g to 50g.

The MUA emphasizes that it is not endorsing the rise in firstclass rates without strings. "If posts could show that it intends to give value for money for the first-class service it would stand a very good chance of maintain-ing the existing first/second-class split ", it says.

"The theoretical best achievement for first class is in the order of 96 per cent delivery by the day following posting. Once this objective has been regu-larly achieved the business should then be asked to explore ways of raising the objective. This condition could be imposed on all future tariff references."

There should be a discount for bulk first-class postings, the association adds.

Arguing that the second-class tariff should be held at its present level, the MUA says widening the differential between first and second-class would benefit not only the business and bulk user but also the general user, particularly the poor.



Wives protesting in London yesterday in support of the police pay claim represents should go together,"

Lord Diamond said. "The

Dividing Treasury 'would bring chaos'

Rather than losing its responsibility for public spending to a separate department of Budget and manpower, as suggested by Mr Heath and Sir Harold Wilson, the Treasury should take responsibility for Civil Service manpower from the Civil Service Department, He rold the Commons Select Second Permanent Secretary at Second Permanent Second Permanent Secretary at Second Permanent Permanent Permanent Permanent Permanent Permanent Permanent Permanent Permanent Perma Rather than losing its recommittee on Expenditure that such a move would enable the Chief Secretary to the Treasury to carry out properly his function of controlling spending. At present the Chief Secretary was answerable to Parliament for manpower estimates but was not responsible for manpower as a minister.

"I accept the argument that the control of expenditure and the control of the manpower it

Lord Diamond, Chief Setretary to the Treasury from 1964 manage to be a smaller department to 1970, said yesterday that any ment than the Civil Service would lead to chaos and incoherence.

Rather than lesion

To remove control over spending from the Treasury would deprive the Chancellor of an important tool of economic management. Supervision

Second Permanent Secretary at the Treasury responsible for public spending. He said split-ting the Treasury would be dangerous, much as the opera-tion needed to separate Stamese

twins was dangerous.
But Sir Samuel had doubts
about the Treasury's taking back the manpower functions it lost in 1968. There was insufinvolved in chopping and chang-

More room at last for Wales's overflowing library

Wales, storehouse of tressures and one of the great buildings of the Principality, has run out of space. It overflows with books and documents, and emergency shelving fills every corridor, catwalk and corner. Administrators regard the posi-

tion as desperate. Now, however, the Govern-ment is coming to the rescue and is expected to announce soon that it is authorizing the spending of £1.5m on expension of the building.

The extension will be in keeping with the library's magisterial Edwardian style and will be started in a year's time, opening in 1980. It will enable the library to continue to fulfil the role its founders envisaged during the nine teenth-century movement to create national institutions for Wales.

Although that movement was strongest in Victorian times and led to the founding of the University of Wales, the National Museum and the National Eisteddfod, the seed of the library was planted in Lon-don during the eighteenth

A group of Welsh literative who wanted to excite interest in Welsh literature started a collection of books and papers at the Welsh School, in Gray's Inn Road, in 1753. During the 1840s the dream of founding a national library in Wales faded and the books and manuscripts kept at the school were lodged in the British Museum.

Thirty years been a library

Thirty years later a library campaign began in Wales and more than 30 years after that the Government at lest agreed to pay for a library at Aberys-twyth. It started humbly in 1909 and moved to its splendid granite and Portland stone edifice, on a billiside command-ing the sweep of Cardigan Bay, in 1916 in 1916.

The hitrary has what is claimed to be the finest collection of Welsh books and manuscripts enywhere. The heart of

Regional report

Trevor Fishlock Cardiff

ir is a collection of 25,000 books given by Sir John Williams, a royal physician and a founding father of the library.

Among the treasures are The Black Book of Carmarthen, which contains poetry, and The Black Book of Chirk, which sets out Welsh laws. They both date from the early thirteenth century and are the earliest Welsh manuscripts known.

There are 19 of the 22 Welsh books printed before 1600, the first book printed in Welsh, and copies of the 1588 Welsh Bible, the book that was the most important single influence in

securing the life and literature of the Welsh language. The library has more than 2.5

million volumes and its store has been swelled by the arrival of more than 30,000 books every

As one of the six copyright libraries under the Act of 1911 (the others are the British Library, Nacional Library of Scotland, Trinity College, Dublin, the Bodlesan, Oxford, and University Library, Cambridge) the Welsh kibrary receives copies of all books, government publications and many newspapers and periodicale published in Britain.

Mr David Jenkins, the

Mr David Jenkins, the Mbrarisa, said: "With the library overflowing, the need for more room is urgent, if not desperate. The extension should have been started four years ago but was deferred because of cost. We are so hard-pressed now that something had to be done and we torted, and a prop-are most relieved that the structure is often spending has been authorized."

Woman attacks barristers' 'old boy network'

The Bar conducts its internal affairs on the basis of "an old boy network" which recognizes no duty to provide equal opportunities, a barrister said yester

day.

Miss Mary Colton, a member of the Bar since 1955, says in evidence she has submitted to the Royal Commission on Legal with clients and the courts the Bar's standards are very high But in the management of in internal relationships "there are no standards at all".

"The system places a pre-

mium on the manipulation of contacts, and leaves some groups, particularly women, it a permanent disadvantage

she says.

"It must be of public concern that entry is in effect restricted, competition is distorted, and a proper career structure is often denied,

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Plans to cut teacher-training places in Scotland meet wide condemnation

Edinburgh

Plans to close more than forty colleges of education in England and Wales have caused widespread protests, but that is nothing to the furore that has developed over similar cuts in Scotland, where two colleges are threatened with closure and two with mergers.

Almost every educational organization in Scotland seems to have expressed opposition to

to have expressed opposition to conference at Perth.

Yet Scotland will remain far better endowed with teacher-training places than England and Wales; by 1981 there should be about 45,000 students in teacher-training estab-lishments in England and Wales (about one for every 1,100 members of the population), while in Scotland there should be 6,170 students (about one student for cary 850 members of the popula-

ton). Nevertheless, opponents the closures in Scotland claim that about 300,000 people have signed petitions against the cuts, perhaps the biggest mass petition since the "Save the

Apart from the cost of dup-licating specialist pshysical education facilities at Dudge, the Government has reason for wanting to transfer more teacher training to the city, where the large college of edu-cation is nowhere near full at present. Moreover, Dundee desperately needs extra employment, which the mergers could bring, although staff living and working in Edinburgh would be understandably refuctant to leave such an attractive centre.

Many Scottish Labour MPs Many organizations have looks increasingly likely have been active in the cambers of other parties) and any estimate of how much go ahead with the closures.

the depth of feeling has been shown by Mr Harry Ewing, who despite being an Under-Secre-

at Ayr, would close Craiglockthe plan, along with the local art, a small Roman Catholic authorities, churches and the college in Edinburgh, would be recent Labour Party Scottish merged, probably with Dundee College of Physical Education, which despite its name is which despite its name is based in Edinburgh, would also merge with Dundee. All but Craiglockart are housed in modern, purpose-built prem-

money could be saved by the cuts, and also of the lack of alternatives in what was supposed to be a consultative doct-ment from the Scottish Office. Some opponents of the plan accept that there must be a reduction in the number of

student trachers, but say the existing colleges should be retained, with smaller numbers of students. Other bodies have called for the spare teachers to be used to reduce class sizes in Scotland. The Scottish Office has been strenuously resisting the attacks, pointing out that the schools are already a good deal better than in Britain as a

However, the Government has failed to satisfy the protesters, many of whom see the closures as an attack on the whole Scot-tish education system and as yet another example of a government in Westminster taking something away from the Scots.

There have also been angry comments about the speed with which the exercise of con-sultation has been taking place; the document was pub-lished in mid-January and Mr Milan, the Secretary of State for Scotland, is expected to ennounce his final decision next month.

Despite all the pressure, it looks increasingly likely that the Government will confirm the consultative document and

SNP dispute over anti-English attitude

From a Staff Reporter

The dispute among Scottish nationalists about whether their party should be anti-English as well as for an independent Scotland continues with a new attack against "chip-on-shoulder provincialism" by Professor Neil MacCormick, a leading

Neil MarCormick, a leading moderate in the Scottish National Party.

He was writing ostensibly about universities in the magazine Q, seeking to rebut arguments concerning the growing proportion of English-trained professors in Scottish universities, but his article was in effect an attack on the anti-English attitudes of some more extreme elements in the SNP.

Professor MacCormick, who Professor MacCormick, who

Surveyors want time saved at road inquiries

By Our Planning Reporter Tighter rules to prevent waste of time and money at public inquiries into road schemes are suggested by the Royal Institution of Chartered

In evidence to the Department of the Environment and the Council on Tribunals, which are together considering the reform of inquiry procedures, the institution supports the view that Parliament should be given the opportunity to debe given the opportunity to de-bate broad questions of transport policy.

There should be a maximum of 12 months between the close of public consultation on alternative routes and the publica-tion of a draft line order. Pro-moters of an important road scheme and objectors should be required to exchange expert evidence before the inquiry

and nasty attitude to English people or any 'outsiders' who bave settled here and committed themselves to working and bringing up their families here."

He was responding to an article by Dr John Hulbert, prospective SNP candidate for Aberdeenshire, West, who thought it was not surprising that the academic staffs in Scottish unversities opposed devolution.

is prospective SNP candididate than because they merit an for Edinburgh, North, said: appointment is the day on "What Scottish nationalism in which we devalue the curits true and honourable form is not concerned with is a carping the referred to the many

He referred to the many gifted academics from England and elsewhere who worked in Scottish universities and said that some of them "deeply wounded recent mud-slinging in the public prints. It is against the fun-damental decency of the SNP

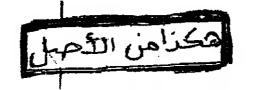
Dr Hulbert has replied that his figures demonstrated the intellectual colonization of Scotland. When Scotland was Professor MacCormick wrote:

"The day people get jobs in competitive circumstances because they are Scotts rather and the situation will change of its own accord."

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ng chaos, lo money for double ecurity fence at inquiry told ospital, inquiry told

n Scotland's state hospital Carstairs, Strathclyde, which led in three deaths, was told terday that lack of money prevented the building of £300,000 double security ce around one of the hospi-

wings. Ir Archibald Rennie, a Scor-Office official, told the iry, which opened in nark yesterday, that a fence I been built around the east west wing, where the ape took place last vember. The question of vembers is the present obcie, he said.

The inquiry, which is pected to last at least three eks, was ordered by Mr Milit, Secretary of State for Diland, after an escape empt on November 30 by hear More and 28 and bert Mone, aged 28, and omas McCulloch, aged 26, th patients, had ended in the paths of a male nurse, a ment, and a local policeman. The two men have since en sentenced to life imprisment, with a recommendation that that should mean the st of their natural lives.

st of their natural lives.

Mr Rennie, an under-secrery at the Scortish Home and
salth Department, told Mr T.

adon Cours, OC for the
yeal College of Nursing, that e proposal to build a fence ound the west wing was ceptable in principle.

The hospital had managed r many years without a

a cost of £300,000, not only for security but to allow greater freedom patients within the confines.

Asked by Mr coutts to comment on proposal a suggestion that the west wing had been before the formed to comment in detail. He said security of the west

wing had not been neglected, and £250,000 had been spem on several aspects of security, including a new security gate. Asked by Mr Courts about staffing at Carstairs, Mr Ren-nie said the staffing level was proposed by the management committee and approved by the department, and had been reviewed in 1971, 1974 and

On nursing staff working 12; hour shifts, he said: "One would feel that lengthy shifts of 121 hours would not be the best practice." Miss Mary McDonald, aged

60 an assistant secretary in the Scottish Home and Health Department and chairman of th hospital management committee, said the original idea was to have an inner perimeter fence on both wings. When it came to building the fence there had been such an increase in prices that the cost of the east wing fence was as much as had originally been much as had originally been estimated for the two fences.

goes to human rights

The allegation that the Isle of Man's birching laws contravene the European Convention on Human Rights is to be tried before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. The Council of Europe has announced that the chamber of seven judges is being assembled to consider the matter.

tribunal

Attempts by the British Government to seek an "amic-able solution" with the Manx authorities to avoid formal charges being laid before the charges being iaid beture the European court have therefore failed. The European com-mission decided in October, 1975, that birching contravened

Mr Jack Corrin, the Manx Attorney-General, said yester-day that he was aware the matter had been referred to the European court. The report of the European commission on the case was still confidential but its contents would be made public as soon as the restriction was lifted.

The case before the com-mission was against the British Government as signatory of the convention on behalf of the Manx Government. But Tyn-wald, the Manx Parliament, has consistently defied what it regards as attempts by both Strasbourg and Whitehall to force the repeal of birching. In renewing the right of Manx people to perition the commission last year, Manx MPs asked for an exception to be made in cases relating to fudicial corporal punish-

IoM birching Budget preview 2: The anomalies of inflation

Chancellor likely to raise indirect taxes

By Neville Hodgkinson Social Policy Correspondent

The Chancellor is determined coming Budget, but he is also highly likely to raise taxes on spending. Excise duties on items such as petrol, drink and tobacco may go up, and value-added tax will almost certainly be increased.

Successive chancellors have found it relatively easy, until now, to tax incomes more and more heavily simply by failing to adjust for inflation. They have taken advantage of the public's failure to grasp the significance of the process known to economists as inflationary fiscal drag.

But flat-rate taxes on expen-

diture are depreciated by infla-tion, and indirect taxation has fallen over the past few years as a proportion of the total

Any big increase in the main excise duties to catch up with nflation is hazardous politically because of its sudden effect on prices. The dangers are particularly acute for a govern-ment seeking to defend a shaky voluntary pay restraint.

An increase in VAT would also raise prices, but for a Labour Chancellor it has the advantage of being less of a burden on the lower paid. VAT covers less than half the goods consumed by the average person, and zero-rated goods form a big proportion of the spending in poorer families.

Since Mr Healey accepts that the income tax burden has become too great, why should he not be seeking to cut all

sidering tax cuts be has to bear in mind the need to limit both the level of public debt and the extent of public spending curs. To return to the rates of tax and the real value of allowances that were in force in 1973-74 would mean giving up £5,000m.

Another answer is that the nore Mr Healey can raise

indirect taxes, the more he can do to relieve incomes of the tax distortions and anomalies wrought on them by inflation.

A third answer is that Britain is not as highly taxed overall, relative to other Western industrial countries, as is usually thought, although that is partly because we have run up debts instead of paying for what we

the prosperous, and wealthy. A married man with have spent.
Total taxation, children under 11 starts paying tax at 35 per cent on every including security contributions, rose from just under a third of the national product in the early 1960s to 42.5 per cent in 1970. But it fell between 1970 and 1973 and was still barely two fifths in 1975, about the pound he earns over £1,685 a year (£32 a week) in the United Kingdom, assuming he has only the standard personal allowances. That is a lower threshold than in all other same as in France and Canada. Western industrial The proportion was considerably more—about half—in Denmark, Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands, although much less except Sweden and Italy, where the initial rates are only 4 per cent and 10 per cent respec-

Britain's 35 per cent starting rate is the highest of all, and in the United States and Japan. The British are relatively

many, for example, although

direct comparisons may be mis-

leading without adjustments for

The most striking, and many would say damaging, differen-ces between Britain and her

main industrial competitors are in the size of the income tax

component of total revenue (more than half in Britain) and

in the high marginal rates

charged to the relatively

differences in the systems.

the Chancellor faces strong pressure to reduce it and to total personal income that is paid in social security contriraise the threshold. butions. The figure in 1974 was Our maximum rate of 83 per cent, on earnings over £21,685, only 6.9 per cent, compared with 12 per cent in Belgium and 13.2 per cent in West Ger-

is also the highest. It is three-fifths higher than that of many of our competitors. To reduce the maximum rate of tax on earned income to 60 per cent would cost £120m for 1976-77. Italy's maximum rate of 72 per cent is still above average,

but comes into effect only on incomes of more than £394,250. Japan has an initial rate of 7 per cent, chargeable on earnines exceeding £3,550 in a two-child family. Its maximum rate is 67.5 per cent, chargeable on incomes over £180,550. Even in Sweden the maximum rate is only 57 per cent, payable at £21,000.

The table shows how the burden of direct state deduc-tions from pay falls on British taxpayers, particularly on those with higher incomes, relative to those in four other countries whose economies have all been markedly more successful in recent years. The figures are for last year and relate to a married man with two children.

Tomorrow: Simplifying the

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	13,210	16,940	9,480
	18,410	23,500	11,314

Train cabs to be rid of asbestos

British Rail is to spend £7m in the next four years to remove potentially dangerous blue asbestos lining material from the cabs of locomotives. Guards' yans and the drivers' compartments in multiple-unit trains also are being "decontaminated ".

Medical opinion is that blue asbestos, even in small concentrations, can cause

British Rail said yesterday that seven thousand passenger coaches had asbestos as a British Rail stopped using the material. Two

its use came into force. "Constant tests have proved that the levels are far below any danger levels." British Rail said. "Our regulations re-garding asbestos dust levels are four rimes more stringent than

those required by law." Seventeen special "asbestos houses" are already in use on the rail network, and three more are being built at a cost of £200,000 each. The asbestos ining will be a second former as the second former lining will be removed from all locomotives as they have main overhouls, and all will be treated within four years.

Within two years the driving cabs of multiple units will have had the asbestos removed or sealed with a spray-on coating. Where the spray coating is used there will be a systematic reinspection programme.

2m lost in ollapse of newspaper not cared for

Shareholders and creditors are lost a total of £2m in the ollapse of the Scottish Daily lews, the paper launched two ears ago by a workers' co-

perative.
At a creditors' meeting in lasgow yesterday, Mr James Vhitton, the liquidator, an-tounced that total receipts from he liquidation would be 1.379,000. That included 1875,000 from the sale of the puildings and plant, and [109,000 from the auction of

The building and main printing presses were sold to George Outram and Co, which pub-lishes the Glasgow Berald and the Evening Times.

Mr Whitton said be hed completed the realization of assets of the company, Scottish News Enterprises Ltd. They were inufficient to pay the creditors ecured by floring charges.
consequently nothing was availble for ordinary creditors and pareholders.

After the meeting, which steed only 10 minutes and was stended by about thirty crediors, Mr Whitton said ordinary reditors claims totalied 852,000. In addition, share-In addition, share-would lose £630,749. referred creditors would be aid in full. They included emlovees claims for holiday pay.

The balance of the money salized from the liquidation wild go to partially secured reditors, the Department of dustry (owed £1,200,000) and Beaverbrook Newspapers [225,000] but they would not

Head teacher says children

Allegations that children at Normansfield Hospital, Teddington, London, were inadequately cared for and that the nursing staff were "overpowering", were made yesterday when an inquiry into conditions at the hospital opened

The inquiry, which was called by the Secretary of State for Social Services, is to investigate the events that led to a strike on May 5 last, when Dr Terence Lawlor, the consultan psycatarist and only doctor at the hospital, was suspended by the regional health authority.

Mr Philip Otton, QC, counsel for the inquiry, read a petition raised by the nurses before the strike. It objected to Dr Lawlor's behaviour, including his " attitude, harassment, interference in nursing duties and objections to nurses union membership ".

Mrs Joan Halliday, temporar, head teacher of the hospita school, told the inquiry that the children in the hospital were smelly, without very good clothes and did not seem to be bathed as regularly as incomment children should be.

Mrs Halliday said that on the dev after the strike a nursing officer had told her that she was "black" because a member of her staff had cleaned a ward during the strike. The nursing officer and two female nurses had boxed her in in her office and "tended to be overpower-ing", she said. The inquiry continues today.

£70,000 burglar learnt his craft in prison

George Alexander, a former paratrooper, used his military raining and a personalized ddress book to select his surglary victims, who included oyalty, it was alleged at St Albans, traves alleged at St libans Crown Court, Hertford-

hire, yesierday.
Mr Alexander, aged 31, of Ent's Hall Parade Printlewell, assex, was said to have been ecruited as an apprentice urglar in jail and the training was given allowed him to scape with more than £70,000 if lewelry and antiques, neluding the Whitbread Gold Lup and the Royal Hunt Cup.

Mr Alexander, already servng a five-year sentence for other burglaries, pleaded guilty to a total of 23 burglaries setween 1971 and 1972. He was entenced to five years mprisonment to run contactivaly with that one mprisonment to run con-ecutively with that one. Mr Michael Hill, for the

rosecution; said that in a 60-age statement Mr Alexander,

to normal at

nuclear station

who specialized in the theft of jewels and furs, said his victims were only the rich houses and country manor Sometimes a personalized address book owned by a pro-minent member of society was

used to pick victims. In the statement Mr Alexander described how he looked over the houses first and how he broke into the Windsor home of Miss Shirley MacLaine, the actress, making off with £8,000 of her jewelry.

Mr Hill said Mr Alexander was a skilful burglar with an ice-cool nerve, and a number of times he was nearly caught Once he had to stand on a ladder for 40 minutes waiting for two guard dogs to go away.
On another occasion, with
an accomplice, he raided the
home of Lady Seymour in Wiltshire and when she awoke they calmly said they were

Production back | Electronic links in ambulance service merger

An electronic ambulance con Electricity production is backnormal at the Calder Hall ant of British Nuclear Fuels, Cumbria. After a six-week ke, which also affected the ndscale plant, which ended a ago, all three reactors are providing power for the nional grid and carning ver as general manager yester-

from Mr Peter Munmery, ed 50, who has been appoint d the company's director of alth and safety. Northumberland County Coun-263 sq miles. is to oppose plans to dump.

heviot Hills After receiving protests from members of the public, the ounty environment committee iecided yesterday to tell scientists from the Atomic The Cumbria Tourist Board has produced a brochure, Energy Research Establishment it Harwell that they were against any proposals to site lumps in granine under Cheviot Road to the Border, to help

and 24 stations with seventy hos pirals was opened in Liverpool by the Merseyside Regional Health Authority yesterday. The centre, in Lower Breck Road Liverpool replaces eight separate controls. Mr Albert Guinney, chief metropolitan ambulance officer, said it was an important step forward in merging the ambulance crews of eight local authorities into a

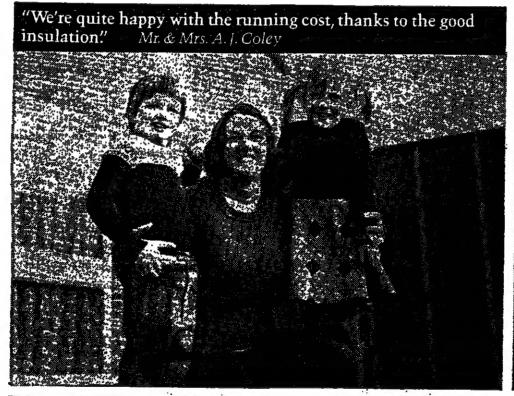
It will direct the work of more than 550 operational staff serving a population of 1,700,000 people in an area of

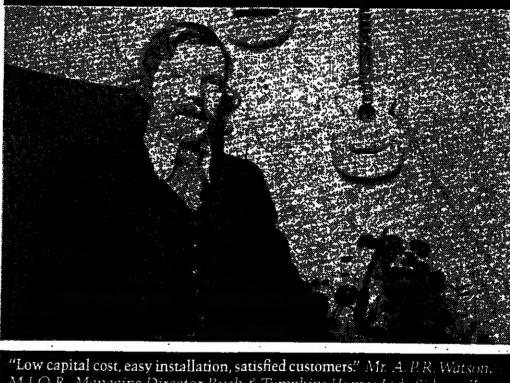
Last year the ambulances carried more than helf a million patients, a fifth of them emergency cases. Cumbria guide

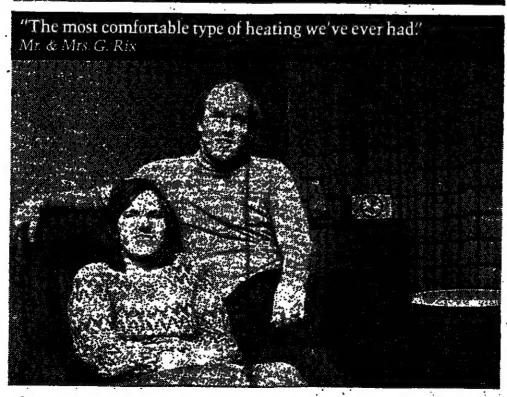
tourists travelling north on the M6 to discover more of the Lake District on the way.

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Mr Foot refuses to reveal defence debate motion

There were cheers when Mr Michael Foot, Lord President on the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, rose to announce the revised business statement for the week. When hard-languages, shouted. Tory backberchers shouted.
"Remember Mrs Gandhi", a
Labour backbencher shouted
back: "Women leaders are not
doing very well."

Mr Foot (Ebbw Vale, Lab) said that the first day of the two-day defence debate would be on Tues day. (In Wedresday there would he the debate on the Opposition ceasure motion, and on Thursday, Lords amendments to the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, Family Income Supplement Regulations and the European ment Regulations and the Euro pean Community Definition of Treaties Order. There would also be private Bills. The defence debate would be concluded on Monday of next week,

Mr Francis Pym, Opposition spokesman on House of Commons affairs (Cambridgeshire, C)—Upox what motion will the debate on the defence White Paper take place? Mr Foot-The debate will be open tomorrow and concluded next Monday and before then we will put down a motion in plenty of time for the Opposition to make up their minds by how much they

Mr Pym-Is Mr Foot saying that the Government bave not yet tabled a motion? Mr Foot—What I am saying is that we have not yet tabled a motion.
But I assure him that there will be
plenty of time for him to decide by
how much be wants to increase
public expenditure.

Mr Pym—Will he undertake that the modon will not be for the adjournment of the House but will be a substantive motion? Mr Foot—I have already indicated that there will be full opportunity, of which I hope the Opposition will avail themselves, to tell the country by how much they propose to increase public expenditure. Mr Michael English (Nottingham. West, Lab)—Will Mr Foot take the opportunity of telling the House where the majority of the Liberal Party are? Are they in any particular place?

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)—We are dealing with

Mr Peter Rost (South-East Derbyshire, C)—Will he reassure us and put the nation out of its misery by confirming that his side will actually vere on this occasion? Mr loan Evans (Aberdare, Lab)— We appreciate the Opposition spokesman, realizing that we will

Mr Foot—Let us proceed to the debase on Wednesday and 1 am sure it will be satisfactory and we will proceed to the business next

Mrs Winifred Ewing (Mrray and Nairo, Scot Nat)—The Tory tears of censure are crocodile tears because it was the SNP who put in two tellers so that there was a

Air Victor Goodhew (St Albans. C)—Could Mr Foot make it clear that before we begin our debate we will know what motion we will be Mr Foot-I am sure Mr Goodbew will be perfectly capable of making a speech whether there is any motion or not (Laughter.) Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C'-On

what motion will tumorrow's debate take place. Does Mr Foot intend that the Government will pur down a motion in regard so Mr Foot—Neither Mr Gow, nor the House, should worry. There will be the first day's debate in the time provided and in plenty of time for Monday, when the House will wish to reach a conclusion on the matter, there will be a motion on the Order Paper.

and Amersham, C)-Can he say that he is not putting down a motion for tomorrow?

Mr Foot-I think he can appreciate

Mr Foot—I think he can appreciate the simation perfectly well. (Laughter.) There is a normal practice that when you have a two-day debate the division take place on the second day and there will be a motion down in plenty of time for MPs to put down an amendment if they wish to do so. Mr David Price (Eastleigh, C)—One must press the Leader of the House. It is intolerable to start a two-day debate tomorrow without having a motion in front of us. It is not unreasonable 24 hours before to know what the motion is. The fact that we may be voting next Monday is irrelevant and with a multi-party Parliament I would have thought that the minor parties at least would require this of the Government.

Mr Foot—It is simple for the Bouse to have debate as I have indicated and reach a conclusion

Mr Gow-The Lord President has come to make a statement about tomorrow's business. Ought he not to tell us upon what motion tomor-row's debate is to take place? The Speaker-It is not a point of order for me. Mr Cranley Ouslow (Woking, C)— Perhaps you can explain how it is, if there is no motion on tomorrow's Order Paper, that the subject of debate can be confined to defence? Would it not be open to talk about other matters of equal importance if there is no formal motion.

The Speaker-I will rule on that when I see what the motion is. (Conservative laughter.)

Mr Timothy Renton (Mid Sussex, C)—Can we take it, Mr Speaker, that you have some cognizance of what is in this motion that is denied the rest of ns. You said you would give your ruling when you saw the motion as to whether it would be possible to raise matters other than defence. Can we take it you know more than we do? The Speaker-What I said was clear. I do not know any more than the rest of the House.

Mr Goodhew—Mr Foot has given the impression that there will not be a motion before the House co-morrow. All we are trying to find out is whether there will be. If there is not a motion before the you cannot guide us today or tomorrow.

The Speaker—If the Liberals do not mind, I must fall back on the Liberal phrase: We will wair and

Australian response on Concorde

Apart from New York the Government were concentrating their efforts to secure Concorde routes to Melbourne and Tokio, Mr Clinton Davis, Under-Secretary for Trade, said. They had had a favourable response from the Australian Government.

Mr Paul Channon (Southend West, C)—What progress is he making in his negodiations with the Governments concerned. In particular will the Government take an initiative with the new government of India about this important matter?

favourable response from the Australian Government. Negotiations are still continuing with the Indonesians regarding supersonic everflying routes.

The Indian Government have objected in the past but we will have to await developments with interest as and when the new Indian Government is formed.

Mr Stephen Hastings (Mid Bed-fordshire, C)—is it not true that whether or not the Indian Govern-ment continue to object there is no problem over a far eastern route. We can start it. It is vital to the future of Concorde, whether or not we get permission to go into New

York.

It is disappointing how slowly British Airways seem to be getting down to setting this route going. Air France have trained enough crews. Why is there this delay here? Will he put pressure on them?

Mr Clinton Davis-I do not accept Mr Chilton haves—1 do not accept that British Airways have been slow in dealing with this matter. There has been an industrial dis-pute in the past which slowed up the opportunity to train crews.

Matters are not as simple as Mr Hastings suggests because far more crews are needed to deal with a London-Melbourne route than any other route. British Airways are proceeding with the matter as rapidly as possible. We must see what happens with New York because that situation

Favourable Exclusion from New York contrary to treaty rights

The Government believed that concorde could meet the United stances if we do not secure admit sion to New York. There is sion to New York. There is further meeting on April 14, justification for Concorde being kept out of New York, Mr Edmund Dell, Secremry of State for Trade, and

Mr Timothy Renton (Mid Sussex, C) had asked what representations Mr Dell had received in the light of the New York Port Authority's decision regarding landing rights for Concorde in New York.

for Concorde in New York.

Mr Dell (Birkenhead, Lab)—The
Port of New York Authority
decided to postpone their decision
so that they could consider any
new proposals on how the noise
impact of Concorde on local communities could be reduced. Their
next meeting is on April 14.

The court hearing has been postponed but a new date will be set
this week.

Mr Renton—Would be confirm

mr Reaton—Would be confirm that if by any unlikely chance, the Government are still in office in June they will not then seek a new Bermuda agreement until the American Government have lived up to their obligations under the present one, and have ensured New York landing rights for Concorde? Mr Dell—We will sign a new agreement on June 22 or before if we negotiate a new one which is satisfactory to us. Among the problems of the existing agreement is that we have not been able to obtain our treaty rights in respect of the landing of Concorde in New York

York.

There are many problems about the current agreement and many improvements in it which we could make. If we get a satisfactory agreement, we will sign it.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—Would be consider as part of his revegotiation of the Berunda agreement, action specifically against New York and not against other United States cities, in withdrawing traffic rights between New York and Britain, and New York and France until the obligation under the treaty is fuffilled?

further meeting on April 14.
Mr Terence Walker (Kingswood,
Lab)—Has he had a chance to
speak to the Secretary of State for
the Environment (Mr Peter Shore)
about the report in yesterday's,
newspapers about the Noise Advisory Council report on Concorde;
being made available to the New
York Port Authority? York Port Authority? York Port Authority?

Mr Dell—I have had an opportunity of talking to the Secretary of State about this. The question which is the basis of this matter in New York is whether Concorde will meet the United States requirements at Kennedy Airport. We believe it can. We believe insthas been demonstrated to the Purchas been demonstrated to the Purchas been demonstrated to the conjustification for them keeping Concorde out of New York.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentween) Concorde out of New York.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C)—Has the load faptor on the Concorde route between Loudon and Washington been above or below expectations and has the level of complaint from those Bying around Dulies airport has a bown or below expectations. Mr Dell—We have been favourable surprised by the low level of conjugators from people around Duties. Airport. Concorde has occar operating to Washington at a lateral control of capacity. Whether that is below or above the expectations of British Airways, L. would not like to say. Mr Dell-We have been favoural Mr Walter Johnson (Derby, South

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Mr Walter Johnson (Derby, South, Lab)—What angers the British people about this is that if the Americans had been first in the Seld with a supersonic alcraft, we would have been expected in receive this aircraft with open arms. It is a case of sour grapes not the part of the American. Mr Dell—He is right in suggesting that if this aircraft was American we would have been expected in receive it in London.

I should like to welcome the statement made by various aircraft.

Britain, and New York and France until the obligation under the until the obligation under the treaty is fulfilled?

Mr Dell—It would not be right at this time to talk about steps we New York.

Law officer studying oil tanker affair

The Attorney General (Mr Samuel Silkin) was considering whether any criminal offence had been committed in relation to the Globolik Venus affair, Mr Clinton Davis, Under Secretary for Trade, said. Mr Dennis Canavan (West Stirling-shire, Lab) had asked what investi-gations were being made into recent events concerning that

Mr Davis (Hackney, Central, Lab)—On March 3 the Attorney General was asked to consider whether any criminal offences had been committed in connexion with this incident and inquiries are being urgently pursued. The industrial dispute involving the original crew has been resolved and the vessel is expected to sall from Le Havre at the end of this week.

Mr Canavan—In view of today's reports about another planned raid similar to this incident, will the Government tale immediate and firm action against those respon-sible for setting such a dangerous precedent?

precedent?

Is it not sheer cant and hypocriby for the Conservatives to make
politic gestures towards the trade
union movement when they have
two members of the shadow cabinet on the board of the company
who hired the gang of thugs who
tried to beat the trade union movement into submission? results of consultations which the Department of Trade had had on the Bullock report on industrial democracy. Mr Edmind Deil, Secretary of State for Trade, said. I have had discussions with the CBI and the British Institute of Management (he said) and I have received the views of a number of other organizations.

Mr Davis-With regard to the report in the Daily Mail this morning. I have no evidence to confirm what has been said. We are considering carefully the action which ought to be taken in the circumstances arising out of the Globtik Venus martes. Venus marter.

Venus matter.

What is more important than the activities of those two Conservative MPs to whom he has referred, is the reaction of the Opposition in the weasel words of Mr Cecil Parkinson, who said he could not see any reason, nor did, to holding a strong view of the recruitment of mercenaries in undertake this outrageous act.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, an Opposition mar term rankinson, an Opposition spokesman on trade (South Hertfordshire, C)—What I said was that unreasonable actions often produce unreasonable reactions. I did not condone the action of Mr Tikkoo but I said in the circumstances he had been marked. stances he had been provoked. Mr Davis is setting for himself today the low standard he demonstrated in reply to the debate that night.

Mr Davis Lectures about low standards (E-become Mr Parkin-son, The Opposition disgraced themselves on that occasion.

themselves on that occasion.

Air John Prescott (Kingston upon Hull, East, Lab)—Is Mr Davis aware the leader of the gang of armed mercenaries recruited on the Humberside, a Mr Miller, has been convicted of rape, buggery, larceny and unlawful possession of firearms? This man is not a defender nor an apholder of the law.

It is noticeable that the unions on the one hand praised the action on the one hand praised the action of the Secretary of State in dealing with this matter and noticed with astonishment the little noise of the

Opposition when they had such a lot to say of the Shrewsbury Two and the Clay Cross rebels. Bir Davis—It is not only the grade unions who did so, but the General Council of British Shipping, the employers' side. The only people out of step were the Opposition.

Mr John Nott, chief Opposition spokesman on trade (St Ires, C)—Although there is great gloom on the Labour benches today, Mr Davis will have to think of one other issue on which to fight an election other than that of the Globitk Venus. His answer is unsatisfactory.

Mr Davis-The relevance of Globtik Venus is that it depicts in all its nakedness the real way the Conser-vative Party looks at trade unions.

We are not gloomy and I think the Opposition ought not to be so self-satisfied. They resemble tur-keys just before Christmas. (Labour laughter.) (Labour cheers.)

Build-up of Soviet trade right objective

The Government looked for fur- Mr Blaker-The ther business with the Soviet Union and were disappointed that union and were disappointed that nothing like the amount possible under the 1975 agreement had so far taken place. Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, said. Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool, South, C) had asked how much of the Anglo-Soviet line of credit of 1950m arranged in 1975 had been taken up at the latest agridable. taken up at the latest available

date.
Mr Dell—Signed contracts concluded within the terms of the Anglo-Sovier agreement in 1975 total f188m. Other major contracts are under segociation and I have every expectation that more contracts will be concluded. It is not customary to identify the contracts placed under this agreement.

Many views

on Bullock

It was too, soon to talk about the

Mr Nicholas Ridley (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C)—The CBI are implacably opposed to the majority report. If the Secretary of

majoral report is the Secretary of State's entrest: to work with the private sector means anything at all, could be not make a gesture and say the Government have decided to drop the whole thing? (Conservative cheers.)

majority report. They have made that clear. Nevertheless, there are useful discussions going on and the

Government are committed to introducing legislative proposals on this subject by the summer.

on this subject by the summer.

Mr John Nott, chief Opposition spokesman on trade (St Ives, C)—
Since the Government have clearly abandoned the majority proposals of the Bullock Committee, can the minister say that they will now be committed to the whole of the Liberal Party's proposals for participation and that the Prime Minister will be announcing this as the Government's new policy on Wednesday? (Conservative laughter and cheers.)

Mr Dell—At any rate Mr Nott suggests that the Liberal Party has a policy on this. That is more than he can claim for the Conser-vative Party.

Dr Shirley Summerskill, Under Secretary, Home Office, asked if she was satisfied with the regula-tions concerning the sale of Afri-

can selvow scorpions to the public, stated in a written reply: Under the Pet Animals Act, 1951, a per shop requires a licence from the local authority which has power to attach conditions to such a licence.

I have no reason to believe that these powers are inadequate to deal with scorpions, but I will gladly consider any evidence sug-gesting that further control is called for.

Parliamentary notices

Today at 2.50: Dobate on defend Motion on (inancial assistance Meriden Motor Cycle Cooperative,

Today at 1.30. Agricultural Rolding Today at 1.30. Agricultural Rolding Social Security Miscellaneous additional Social Security Miscellaneous additional Bill, record reading. Debatable question government policy on commercia warrways. Motions on Northern Irelan on gas and on appropriation.

House of Commons

House of Lords

Sale of scorpions

and cheers.)

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report

Mr Blaker—The distinguished Soviet exile, Andrei Amairik has made the point repeatedly that by transferring resources to the Soviet Union by means of generous credits of this kind the West is helping the Soviet leaders to maintain their police state. Mr Dell-We are competing with

credits given by other western countries. It is necessary to do so if we are to get business with the Soviet Union. It is our wish to build up trade with the Soviet Union and that seems to us the right objective.

Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Recley, Lab)—These figures indicate how important trade with the Soviet Union is and how many jobs depend on the expansion and deappointed about the speed with which trade under this agreement is being negotiated, and I look for a considerable improvement over

Mr Winston Churchill (Streetford Mir Winston Churchill (Stretford, C)—There will be not one penny of profit accruing to Britain under any contract placed as a result of this line of credit. Can he deny that approximately 50 per cent of the total production cost of anything the Soviet Union chooses to purchase under this agreement will be footed by the British taxpayer?

Air Dell—I cannot confirm either of the things he suggests. These contracts bring employment for this country and I do not think the firms concerned would enter into

Mr James Lamond (Oldham, East, Lab)—Is an improvement in this position likely to take place now that the most recent five-year pro-gramme in the Soviet Union has started?

Mr Dell—I am sure it is necessary if we are to get business with them if we are to get business with them for us to grant competitive credit terms. I hope he is right in suggesting that perhaps further business will be coming under the five-year plan. Certainly we look for further business. We were assured by Mr Gromyko last year that it was the intention of the Soviet Government to put business up to the limit of this agreement. We are disappointed that nothing like that has yet been achieved.

by amending legislation. It was in opposition to such arrogance that the Conservatives would vote

Mr Graham Page (Crosby, C) said war Granam Page (Crosby, C) said what the Government were really sayling was that the House had once chucked out a Bill and there-fore in future it would be done under the counter.

Mr Douglas Henderson (East Aberdeenshire, Scot Nat) said that unless the Government could show they could learn a lesson from the views of the House they had no right to remain in government and the sooner they were replaced the better.

This Bill was not an act of

government which was taking account of the House and of political realities. The incidence of the tax fell on companies when they were least able to afford to pay up. He must recommend SNP MPs to consider the Bull

against the Bill.

oppose the Bill.

Pressure on US for Skytrain entry

It was the Government's wish to get the Laker Skytrain into the United States, Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, said. We will (be added) exercise all

The minister was answering Mr William Shelton (Lambeth, Streatham, C), who asked what progress had been made in bringing the United States to accept Skytrain services as part of the Bermuda Agreement.

Mr Dell recalled that on February 18 the British Embassy in Washing-ton formally asked the United States Government to issue an operating permit to Laker in accor-dance with the Bermuda Agree-

However, I envisage negotiating a special arrangement with the United States (he said) to cover the operation of Skytrain instead of including it in the new air services agreement.
The Civil Aeronautics Board had asked Mr Laker for further infor-

mation.
Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C)—Has there yet been any indication that an application for a licence will be sought by an American counterpart of Skytralic 2

Mr Dell—Not yet. But obviously if the United States indicates to us a wish to discuss that matter, we will be ready to discuss it with them.

Large cutback in Indian textile

imports agreed

Mr Michael Meacher, Under Secretary for Trade, announced, during exchanges about textile imports, that the Government in collaboration with the EEC had managed to secure a substantial cuttack in trade with regard to Indian handloom textiles which had enormously increased their exports to the United Kingdom in 1976.

He said in the case of woven shirts which reached the level of

He said in the case of woven shirts which reached the level of 7,600,000 pieces in 1976 this had been cut back to 5,450,000 for 1977. In the case of women's shirts and blouses which had reached the level of 11 million they were amouncing a cutback to 7,400,000. That was a substantial cutback That was a substantial cutback and he was sure the House would be pleased.

Trade with Israel Mr Dell, Sceretary of State for Trade, in reply to questions about the Arab trade boycott, said that in 1976 British exports to Israel went up substantially at a time when imports by Israel were stable or declining.

declining.

We have in that respect (be added) a good record in our trade with Israel. That is one measure by which our policy can be considered.

New deal on operation of air charters needed

Negotiations on the Bermuda agreement would be resumed in Washington on March 28, Mir Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, said.
Replying to Mir Tom Arnold (Hazel Grove, C), Mir Dell (Birkenhead, Lab), said: The fourth round of negotiations for a new Air Services Agreement was held in London from February 28 to March 11. Some progress was made towards agreement on the methods of regulating capacity on North Atlantic Services and establishing tariffs.

Mir Arnold—As the Americane

Mr Arnold—As the Americane have so intention of restricting the activities of their airlines by a policy of single designation, what is the Government's policy on competition?

Mr Dell—The Government favour competition but not by means of pursing such grossly excessive capacity on the North Adantic as capacity on the North Adamtic as States to govern the operation of to waste fuel at a time when charters. We think this is best energy conservation is impostant. handled outside these negotiations.

sengers.

It is not true that the United.

States have ruled out single designation as a system of capacity control. We are concerned with capacity control and the United states in the last negociations suggested that. We are negociating with them. with them.
Mr Kenneth Warren (Hasting A 0 2 2 2 C)—Have the Government const.

C)—Have the Government completed negotiating for control of air freight and passenger charier flights?

Mr Dell—We have considered whether charter should come within these negotiations but it is the view of both parties it should into the view of both parties are closely connected with services across the North Atlantic. That is the basis on which we are negotiating. which we are negotiating.
We want a memorandum of anderstanding with the United

New publishing initiative on oil exploration information

Mr Isn Campbell (West Dunbartonshire, Lab) asked what steps the Secretary of State for Energy was inking to make known to United Kingdom industry the results of research, supported by his department and directed at improving the efficiency and safety of exploration and exploitation of offshore oil and gas.

Or John Dickson Makon, Minister of State for Energy, in a written reply, sald: My department already publicizes non-confidential reports on this subject through the R & D Abstracts of the Technology Reports Centre and also disposite to United Kingdom of the R & D Abstracts of the Technology Reports Centre and also disposite to United Kingdom of the R & D Abstracts of the Technology Reports Centre and also disposite to United Kingdom of the R & D Abstracts of the Technology Reports Centre and also disposite to United Kingdom of the Section of the Department of Energy in the United Kingdom of the Department of the United Kingdom of the Department of the United Kingdom of the Department of the United Kingdom of the Department of Energy.

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It is now supporting a small editorial unit in the Construction Industry Research and Information Association (CIRIA) to produce a

ment.

It is hoped that, through this new publishing initiative, industry will be kept informed with the minimum of delay, of developments in this vitally important area of offshore technology.

Megal parking by diplomats Mr Greville Januer (Leicester,

West, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, which missions he approached in the years 1976 and 1977 to protest concerning their use of abuse of diplomatic prouse of abuse of diplomanc privilege in connexion with parking offences; and with what results. Mr John Tomlinson, Under Secre-tary, said in a written reply: Heads tary, said in a written reply: Heads of Missions have had their personal attention drawn regularly to the number of parking offences committed by members of their staff with the request that appropriate action be taken.

We have evidence that, as a result of our representations, there has been a reduction in the number of diplomatic parking offences in recent months.

Handicapped foster children

Mr Alfred Morris, Under Secretary for the Disabled, in a written reply to Mr John Hannam (Exeter, C) and Mr Lewis Carter-Jones (Eccles, Lab), said: The Government now undertake to introduce amending regulations to provide for payment of attendance allowance for handicapped foster children who satisfy the conditions for the allowance.

children who satisfy the conditions for the allowance.

This is a matter in which My Hannam and Mr Carter-Jones, with their colleagues in the All-Party Disablement Group, have taken a sustained interest. They will be glad to learn that the regulations for extending the allowance to qualified foster children will be laid shortly. white at this stage I cannot give the precise date from which pay-ment will commence, it will not be later than September 1, 1977-

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British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association GIVE TO THOSE WHO GAVE—PLEASE?

Bill to vary payment of redundancy rebates to employees provision in respect of the one and a half week's pay entitlement. What emerged from this seeming Mr Harold Walker, Minister of baving once been defeated they baving once been defeated they came forward with a measure which took power away from the House and sought to avoid detailed discussion, which would follow changes on the amount of rebath, and which would give greater power to the executive. Now the Government were coming forward with a broad enabling measure seeking to do by the negative resolution procedure what normally had been done in the past by amending legislation. It was in

State for Employment, moving the second reading of the Redundancy Rebate Bill, said it was a conse-

Rebate Bill, said it was a consequence of the defeat on second reading of the Reduction of Redundancy Rebates Bill.

It was not a rebath of the earlier Bill. That Bill had the simple purpose of reducing the employer's rebate from the redundancy fund from 50 per cent to 40 per cent.

This Bill of trail did not reduce. This Bill of itself did not reduce the rebates at all. It enabled the rate of rebate to be varied—up or down. This was not the first time that a government had sought to vary the rebate from that provided for in the 1965 Redundancy Pay-ments Act. He was sure it would

not be the last.

They should recognize the need for flexibility. It was a flexibility better exercised by order rather than by the long and sometimes cumbrous procedure entailed by a The whole House would hope that the circumstances which had made necessary the reduction of the relate would prove to be of short detailor. No one would be

Mr Deli—No, I will not make that gesture. Advancing industrial democracy will be of value to in-dustry. I am aware the CBI are more pleased than he to return to a more generous level of rebate. He regretted that they had not gone for an enabling Bill in the first place, no; just because they lost the Bill but because it seemed

to the Bill but because it seemed to make better sense.

It was invended by the Bill to enable rebates to be varied between any one of 10 different rates over the range of 35 per cent at the bottom to 80 per cent at the upper level. At no time would it be possible under the Bill to introduce a rebate at the range of 40 per cent. rebate at the rate of 40 per tent.
The House had made clear its views, but they had thought it right to have a provision for near alternatives.

right to have a provision for near alternatives.

The redundancy payment was calculated at three different rates according to age and length of service. The highest rate was one and a half weeks pay for each complete year of service over the age of 41, the second or middle rate was one week's pay for each year of service below that age but over 22, and the third applied to service between the age of 18 and 21.

The method chosen for calculating rebate in the 1965 Act was to set down three different fractions of a week's pay each of which corresponded to one of the rates at which entitlement to redundancy narment accrued.

which entitlement to redundancy payment accrued.

The same principles applied to the sets of fractions set out in this Bill. The first set of fractions—21/40, 7/20 and 7/40—equated to a flat rebate rate of 35 per cent. The second set of fractions produced a rebate of 41 per cent and the third of 45 per cent. Thereafter each set of fractions increased the rebate rate by 5 per cent until it reached a maximum of 80 per cent at the top.

The two limits were carefully chosen. The 35 per cent repre-The two limits were carefully chosen. The 35 per cent represented the lowest point to which the rebate could be reduced without further legislation.

The 80 per cent maximum was broadly equivalent to the rebate of one and one-sixth week's pay, or roughly 78 per cent which was payable under the original 1965

What emerged from this seeming complexity was a simple system of varying the rebate. In practice all employers would need to know to claim their full entitlement was the percentage rate to be applied.

The Bill would also amend Northern frehand legislation.

Initially it was proposed to make an order reducing rebate to 41 percent. This would have the direct effect of reducing the public sector borrowing requirement. Rebates were paid from the redundancy fund. By definition these payments were public expenditure.

If the fund was in deficit it had

If the fund was in deficit it had to be financed by borrowing from the national loans fund, which involved a direct charge on public funds by any definition. When the fund was in surplus it was commit-ted by the provisions of the Redundancy Payments Act, 1965, to use that money as directed by the national debt commissioners to invest in Government Stock. To that extent it offset the public sector borrowing requirement. It had been said on a number of

It had been said on a number of occasions that the redundancy fund was intended to be self-supporting. There was nothing in the Bill or the proposed reduction in rebate which detracted from that principle in any way. At present the fund was in surplus to the extent of about 17m. If rebate was reduced it was reperted that the reduced it was expected that the surplus would increase and that this would have a directly benefi-cial effect on the public sector

cial effect on the public sector borrowing requirement.

Expenditure from the fund would be reduced by approximately £1.35m a month. The amount saved during the coming financial year must depend on how soon it was possible to reduce the rebate.

was possible to reduce the rebate.

The package announced by the Chancellor last July was fundamental to the healthy economy of the country. Its declared aim was the deliberate encouragement of an upturn in the economy.

The maximum additional cost to an employer by a reduction of 41 per cent would be something less than three weeks' pay for each employee made redundant. On average the amount would be much smaller and in most cases it would be a week's pay or less. be a week's pay or less.

Mr Barney Hayhoe, for the Opposition (Honnslow, Brentford and
Isleworth, C), said he wanted to
know who wanted the Bili. It was
not even as if Jack Jones or Tom
Jackson or some of the other purr
merchants for the Labour Party—
he was thinking of their comments
on radio recently—were asking for
this Bill. The CBI did not want it.
It was morsense, in the context this Bill. The CBI did not want it.

It was nonsense, in the context
of the package which increased the
payroll tax by 2 per cent.

The Government preferred to
use the time of Parliament to
debate this rather than the more
substantial issues which worried
people. If they had not got the
guts to put those matters before
the House at least they should
allow the Opposition to choose a
subject for debate.

It was typical of the Government

oppose the Sill.

Sir Anthony Meyer (West Flint, C) said the Bill could only penalize those parts of the country already worst hit by redundancy problems. It was no good tinkering with the legislation on employment protection and redundancy. A radical new look was needed on the whole complex of legislation which governed the creation or preservation of employment. of employment.

Mr David Madel (South Bedford-shire, C), for the Opposition, said, they were surprised that the Bill had been brought back in this way. Having jost the second reading, as the Government did in February, a onsiderable period should have lapsed before any attempt was ade to bring forward fresh legis-

made to bring forward fresh legislation.
Having fallen down on February
7, the Government should look again at this debate and at the situation in the other EEC counties. They should remember that there was no pressure for this Bill from industry, large or small businesses or trade unions.

Mr John Golding, Under Secretary for Employment (Newastle under Lyme, Lab), said that if Mr Hayhoe was going to abuse people he hoe was going to abuse people he ought to do it outside so that they could answer.

Wir Hayhoe said that if it was abuse in Mr Golding's book to say some-one was an unpaid PR puff mer-chant, so be it. Mr Golding said that Mr Hayhoe should be more temperate in his language. He had a bad habit of being carried away and should be more conclusiony.

The Government believed that the payment of redundancy benefit had reduced response to change.

The Bill was read a second time by 220 votes to 183—Government majority, 37.

Sterling incentive to livestock smuggling

There was genuine anxiety in this country about EEC agricultural surpluses which was not motivated purely by opposition to Britain's membership of the Community. Lord Ragland (Lab) said when he opened a debate on EEC farm prices review and green more. opened a debate on EEC farm prices review and green mopey.

He said that more fuss was being made about surpluses in Britain than on the Continent, and this was because they were strangers to food surpluses.

The EEC Commission had to be encouraged to set about reducing these surpluses with as much humanity a possible. Although Britain did not have structural surpluses of food, they had long had surpluses of industrial goods of one kind or another and they had not solved this problem. one kind or another and they had not solved this problem.

In the EEC about 25 million people were engaged in farming and were producing too much. To resettle even one tenth of those people would be a huge job, especially when they already had large numbers of unemployed people.

Lord Pritchard (Ind) said that the European Communities Committee thought that the subject was charged with political significance and one on which it would be both undesirable and difficult to make

firm recommendations.

Recent devaluations of the Irish green pound had caused difficulties to border trade between Ireland and the United Kingdom.

A significant differential had opened up between sterling intervention prices in Ulster and in the Republic which had created an incentive for smurgling livestock. Republic which had created an incentive for smuggling livestock from Ulster into the Republic.

This had resulted in the United Kingdom Government having to spend over Lim a week through their Northern Ireland meat subsidy scheme to protect the Northern Ireland meat processing industry from such smuggling.

The committee felt that in the long term the present divergence between the green rate and the market rate was untenable and ran counter to the whole concept of the Common Market, but the speed, the extent and the timing of any adjustment must remain in the speed, the extent and the timing of any adjustment must remain in the control of individual member states through the Council of Ministers and should, if possible, be considered in the context of further reconsideration of CAP price levels.

Lord Sandys, for the Opposition, said it was evident that the Commission wanted to see the and

for this country's food production and distribution.

It was no small matter even to suggest that it should be altered. The Milk Marketing Board had been of the greatest significance both for the consumer and the producer. No other western European country had a daily doorstep delivery of milk. This was to be cherished in the country, not only for consumer reasons but for social reasons. They should do their unnest to support the Government's treument for the continuance of the ment for the continuance of the boards.

Lord Mackie of Benshie (L) said the root of the problem was that they were paying far mo high prices to farmers on the Continent.

Anti-marketeers argued that they could be buying food far more cheaply on world markets. The truth was that if they were to increase their buying on world markets by 10 per cent they would put prices up by a large amount to about or near EEC prices.

Lord Collison (Lab) said he was a

Lord Collison (Lab) said he was a keen supporter of the EEC on its widest front, but the old support system they developed for farmers with an annual prices review was a better method than the present Commission wanted to see the end of the Milk Marketing Board. Nothing could be more unfortunate intervention.

Lord Gordon-Walker said the best and only tolcrable way of getting rid of green money was as part of a reform of the CAP. Meanwhile, grave as were the effects of green money it remained the only effec-tive lever to secure reform of the CAP.

CAP.

Lord Mottistone (C) said there were remours about the outcome of the difference between the value of the United Kingdom green pound and that of Ireland. They had heard there was a threat for Monetary Compensatory Amounts to be applied to biscuits and associated products.

It was to be hoped that the Government in their negotiations would be able to ward off the worst effects of this. MCAs had never been applied to finished products before. This had been brought about because the Irish found they were worse off, as their own green pound had been devalued and that of the United Kingdom had not.

dom had not. Lord Vertion said it was hard for the British consumer to accept conditions in the EEC. Unlike his European counterpart the British consumer was not accustomed to spending such a high proportion of his income on the needs of his

Liberals concerned over access to plutonium

On report stage of the Nuclear informed of the arguments for and industry (Finance) Bill, against the nuclear plant. His party was worned about the increased chance of proliferation to countie Act should come into force on a date to be specified by the Secretical Management of the arguments for and chance of proliferation to countries now lacking access to plant the man told that any country. Industry (Finance) Bill.

Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L)
moved a new clause providing that
the Act should come into force on
a date to be specified by the Secretary of State for Energy by order.

The Bill (he said) gives permistion to British Nuclear Fuels to
make guarantees to countries overseas to repay them sums of money
that they will advance to us for the
building of the reprocessing plant
at Windscale.

It seems to the Liberal Party (he
west on) a peculiar way to make ent on) a peculiar way to make legislation and pass laws in this

House, to give guarantees for sums for a project which is at this moment subject to a public inquiry.

The processing decision was in the final analysis a political one but his party hoped it would be based on facts and only when the public inquiry had taken place would there be sufficient facts known on which to make a decision. moment subject to a public

The amendment would enable the House to discuss the matter,

tries now lacking access to plutonium.

He was told that any country, given a source of plutonium, could see the services of people with the knowledge of nuclear physics to make a bomb. There was also the danger of people stealing or getting their hands on a small quantity of material and using it for a form of urban guerrilla-warfare which this country had not previously experienced.

It was nonsense for the House to give approval to borrowing powers when the project concerned was about to undergo a public inquiry as to it safety and other factors. Mr. Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab) said they were told that in the present state of the economy they must guard and watch over every pound of public expenditure proposed. Yer in this situation there was a bill which was cheerfully proposing a commisment of £1,000m of the tappayer's motor in an area that was technologically and politically highly controversial.

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rary ights lundestag apprais **Ierr Schmidt to head Sundestag appraisal** f bugging controversy

m Dan van der Vat en, March 21

lerr Schmidt, the West Ger-' Chancellor, will take the ir at a special meeting of less of all parliamentary ries tomorrow to discuss the ging controversy.

announcing this today, the so-circulation weekly Quick Munich disclosed details of ther cavesdropping operation a Bavarian prison, which same spokesman later con-

ned were correct.
The Quick disclosure connis the tapping of a telephone d by an imprisoned terrorior a conversation with a man associate in another jail

man associate in another jail
years ago.
The Government spokesman
d this operation fell within
responsibility of the Bavan, not the federal, Governnt, although Bonn has been
comed and approved the
ion because of a terrorist

ion because of a terrorist ergency at the time.
Although the bugging scanlis now hanging fire, with mised or threatened further relations still to come; Herramid's Government remains ash in a rising sea of troubles in no rescue in sight.
The weekend provided notify but bad news for Herramid and his colleagues. The ling Social Democrats suffered losses amounting to a emorrhage in yesterday's nicipal elections in the state Hesse.

This is an entirely new phenomenon in German life, and any cluding Frankfurt, which had can in SPD hands since the dof the Second World War.

The high losses reflect local scontent with the complacent beam in a series of local stands that forced the resignation the state Prime Minister last troobst. A municipal boundary force wish angered the voters.

But the council elections are the sole important rest of the Government's plight.

This is an entirely new phenomenon in German life, and any covernment faced with thousands of normally disciplined and orderly people taking to the streets on this scale would have reason to worry.

There is one important consolation for Herr Schmidt which may serve to ensure his survival in office until 1980. The opposition Christian Democrats are so inept that they seem incapable of exploiting the Government's plight. They lost power in five of

- und more confusing with the eneral election less than 100 ays away, in Catalonia politi-ians are overwhelmingly in greement on as least one fun-

smental issue: autonomy. When Senor Anton Cancilas,

egotiating committee with the overnment, hopefully sees

e Catalan political parties ight well decide to campaign

uch more vociferously on a coautonomy ticket and make an electoral issue.

Ideally, Catalonia would like be a restoration of the statte of 1932 which General

ranco suppressed after the lvil war, he said. This gave atalonia its autonomy and its wn government the Generali-

But Senor Cancilas realises at the possibility of this hap-ening is very slim. It would

tean the return from exile in rance of Senor Josep Tarra-ellas, the president of the

k eneralisat, to preside over the

lections.

An acceptable formula would a for the Government to cept the spirit of the request 1d allow an organization add up of the political forces be established before the lections without calling it the

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eneralitat.

Senor Canellas and Senor ridi Pujol, head of Demoratic Convergence and the presentative for Catalonia as whole in the opposition's ministee, have already presented a document along these nes to the Prime Minister. Buor Pujol resigned from the ministee last week but will minute in it until his relacement is found.

For Senor Canellas it is very apportant that the problem of the different "nationalities"

n, this week he will tell him

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set government before the.

Some form of self-government

this year and can be only de-pressing for the SPD in Bonn five months after it scraped back to power.

the weekend congress of the "Jusos" (Young Socialists in the SPD). They elected as their new chairman by a narrow majority Herr Klaus-Uwe Benneter, an extreme leftist identified with the "Stamokap" state monopoly capital-ism) faction, which has previ-ously commanded only minority

support.
As SPD and Government spokesmen immediately conceded, this means a new and powerful left-wing threat to the Government and the party as

Although Bonn's nuclear energy programme is in ruins, the mass protest against it continues. It erupted in unpre-cedented viciousness on Saturday. The Government now faces the most serious wave of disorder since the hot summer of

So far Bonn has found no answer to the formidable new general civic protest movement on this and other issues. The movement threatens to become a new extra-parliamentary oppo-sition. There are now thought to be no less than 50,000 action groups in West Germany, with a combined membership larger than that of all the political parties put together.

This is an entirely new pheno-menon in German life, and any government faced with thou-sands of normally disciplined

elections. This would establish the Catalan problem and those in the Basque country and Galicia on an official level. For

him there is no disputing that Catalonia is a nation with its distinct language, culture and

He believes that in the next

in favour of solving these pressing problems. For Cata-lonia a straight reestablish

ment of the 1932 statute is no sufficient: it has to be modi-

coist Popular Alliance ; against autonomy, won?

Hesitating before replying

he said they the general council of Caralonia, which the Government has announced will be established after the elections, could be "a bridge to advance towards a snaune of autonomy

The council will be made up of all those deputies and senators elected in a Casionia but its political weight at a national level will obviously depend upon which parties win in Casionia. As all the present

signs indicate a win for the pro-autonomy parties in Cata-lonia, the council will at the

Negotiations are already under way for the four main parties to make an electoral alliance and Señor Canellas has proposed that they and others including the Catalan

Socialists and possibly even the Catalan Communist Party

make a "pace of the General tat." to press for its restoration in the next Parliament. When Señor Canellas mee

"nation" when referring to Catalonia while the Premier talks of "region". "We don't enter into arguments about semantics", Seior Canellas said dryly. In the pert Parliamen the bande will be far more that one of semantics.

least be a noisy minority.

history.

e Catalan politician who is democratically-elected Parlia-ne Christian Democrats' repre-ment there will be a substan-native in the Opposition's rial minority, if not a majority,

ections.

"If we go into the elections in of the 350 deputies in the stalonia having achieved this Lower House there will be a ten the elections there will be certain majority in favour of autonomy", he said. What terview. Otherwise most of would happen if the neo-France Carley political political coint.

Right wing licks its wounds in France

From Charles Hargrove Paris, March 21

For once everyone agrees on the broad lines of what happened in yesterday's second ballot of the municipal elec-tions the left scored a resound-ing success which exceeded its own wildest expectations; the majority took a severe beating; and the centre was practically

Only Paris withstood, though not without considerable effort, the bufferings of the red flood at the gates. The credit for this goes entirely to M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, who, next Friday, will become the first Mayor of the capital in a century.

On the basis of yesterday's results, the Government no longer has a majority in the country. Had parliamentary instead of local elections taken place, it would no longer have one in the National Assembly. But then perhaps middle-of-the road voters, who gave their support to the Union of the Left out of protest against the Government and the divisions of the majority rather than from enthusiassn for the common leftler than t mon leftist programme, would have besitated when it came to choice not of municipality but

These local polls were, however, the prelude to the national elections. The opposi-tion has a year to consolidate its gains, and the majority to reverse the tide running against it. And a lot can happen in a

The strength of the anti-Government tide is impressive. A week ago, a commentator remarked that there were two winners in the first ballot: M Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, and M Chirac. This time, he notes, there are two-and-half: M Mitterrand, M Marchais, the Communist leader, and M Chirac. The left now controls 156 towns out of 221 with a population of over 30,000 to the majority's 65. Before March 13, the proportion was just about the reverse.



M Chirac, the Gaullist leader, all smiles after his election as Mayor of Paris.

But the results of yesterday's second ballot have balanced up the score between Socialists and Communists within the Union of the Left. The Socialists are still the dominant force within it; but the Communists more than hold their own. They no longer frighten voters into the other frighten voters into the other camp. The scarecrow of collectivism is no longer effective, as demonstrated by their victories in Bourges, Le Mans, Beziers, and St Etienne.

In those towns, not only Socialist and left-wing Radical strategy have overcome their

voters have overcome their repugnance to support a Communist candidate, but even those who backed "marginal" those wan backed "marginal" tists", left-wing Gaullists—switched to the sole Communist bearer of the opposition's colours. As Le Figuro points out, these elections really mark for M Marchais and his friends, "the end of the ghetto".

This left-wing advance is not reflected ni the official statistics published today, but this is nothing unusual. These show that the voting rate was 77.6 per cent—slightly less than the 78.8 per cent in the first ballor the previous Sunday.

In 21 towns of over 100,000 inhabitants with councils up for reelection, including Paris, Lyons, Lille, Marseilles, Montpellier, Rennes, Nantes and Le Mans, the opposition obtained 49.4 per cent of the votes cast, and the majority 49.3 per cent. In the 45 towns with a population of between 100,000 and 30,000, the opposition got 51 per cent of the vote, and the majority 46.6 according to the ministry.

In the 319 towns of 9,000 to 30,000 inhabitants, the score was 49.7 for the majority, and 51.3 for the opposition, and in the municipalities of less than

9,000, which account for more than half of the voters, the

than half of the woters, the majority got 55 per cent and the opposition 32.6.

But according to other estimates, published in today's papers, the left got 51.5 per cent to the majority's 47 per cent in the provinces. In Paris, the left won 45 per cent, two points more than in the presidentials, and the majority 55 per cent. The unity and voting disci-The munipical elections have

The munipical elections have pinpointed an important evolution in the middle ground of the electorate. The centrist voters, followers of M Jean Lecanuer and M Servan Schreiber, have refused to follow their leaders into the government camp and have largely deserted to the left. This makes Le Quotidien de Paris remark that the majority has lost in that the majority has lost in the battle what wanted to be

Italian unions angry at IMF loan conditions

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Signor Andreotti, the Prime Minister, began consultations today with political parties, extreme right, seeking support for his acceptance of the Intertions for the granting of standby credits of \$530m (£310m) for

Italy.

The fate of the Government is uncertain, and the strains are eginning to tell. Signor Enrico Berlinguer, the Communist leader, was well enough today to prepare for his meeting with the Prime Minister after having been ill with food poisoning. Bur Signor Benigno Zaccag-nini, the secretary of the gov-erning Christian Democratic Party, was today ordered by his doctors to rest for a week and remained at his home in

The Prime Minister is thus facing by himself the embarrassment of his Communist semi-supporters at having to contemplate the conditions of the IMF and the anger of the trade unions, which called a general strike in the Rome area for Wednesday.

At the end-of the week he is to attend a meeting of the EEC heads of government.

Before his illness, Signor Zaccagnini stated that Zaccagnini stated that the present arrangement with the Communists was the only strategy to maintain the country's institutional and democratic framework. He saw the need, however, of a "frank and loyal clarification on the part of all the political forces which in various ways support Signor Andreotri's government". Andreotti's government ". Signor Giogio Amendola, a member of the Communist

leadership, speaking at the con-

bringing down the Government. The seriousness of the situation called for "extreme caution". These two statements suggest national Monetary Fund's conditions for the granting of standby nothing to fear. The dangers, however, are not from the offi-

Party, made it clear that the

Communists did not intend

cial leadership either of his own party or of the Communists. Elements in both parties are becoming restive and, for the first time since the Government was formed after the June general election, the unions are in a fighting mood. They object in particular to two government measures now before Parliamens which the Prime Minister claims are vital to obtaining the IMP

These measures seek to slow down wage rises by excluding increases in indirect taxation from the calculation of the cost of living to which wage rates are nied. The other discourages wage rises negotiated at factory

Signor Giogio Benvenuto, secretary of the smallest of the three main trade union federaof accepting the loan on such conditions. He accuses the IMF negotiators of having come to the aid of the enemies of the unions and of the parties of the loft. the left.

The real dilemma remains The real dilemma remains that shared by Signor Andreorti and Signor Berlinguer, the Prime Minister has to show flexibility in an attempt to save both the loan and his Government while the Communist leader has to show the same degree of flexibility in order to keep the Government in power keep the Government in dower while not setting the Communist Party against the unions.

Plea on direct elections

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, March 21 Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the European Commissioner for budgetary affairs, today urged British Conservatives to back the efforts of Mr Calla-ghan to meet next year's dead-line for the introduction of direct elections to the European Parliament.
The Prime Minister and his

colleagues would require much political courage to press ahead, Mr Tugendhat said. But they would need the help of the Conservative Party. The Government cannot hope to defy successfully a large sec-tion of the Parliamentary Labour Party without opposi-tion support", he told a meet-ing of the British Conservative

wanted before elections Catalonians united in quest for autonomy in Spain be discussed at government level before the in Spain Barcelona, March 21 While nationally the Spanish political map becomes more

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him. Signor Scarozza was one of 18 kidnap victims in Italy so far this year. Nine remain in the hands of their abductors.—AP.

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olores Ibarruni) will return to sein next month for the first ne since the Spanish civil war, cording to the Communist Senora Ibarruri, who is 81 and president of the Spanish

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Americans fight ban on saccharin despite implied choice between overweight and cancer

From Patrick Brogan Washington, March 21

The great saccharin war is large quantities of saccharin going badly for the Food and they will eventually develop Drug Administration (FDA).

That body announced early this is sufficient evidence that the month that sactharin could substance causes cancer and cause cancer and therefore must therefore be banned. banned it under a 20-year-old

The food industry, the makers of saccharin and the millions of Americans who are addicted to it rose in wrath. It is possible that the law will prove unenforcesble and that the ban on saccharin will go the way of

laws meant to compel people to wear car safety belts.

A committee of the House of Representatives held hearings today at which a series of witnesses denounced the FDA. They questioned its scientific methods in intelligent methods, its intelligence and its morality. They claimed that Americans had the constitu-tional right to eat saccharin if they wished and that attempts to prevent them from doing so were infringements on their liberties.

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Canada show that if rats are fed cancer. The law says that this

The FDA admits that human beings would have to consume impossible quantities of saccharin before they had ingested proportionally the same amount that proved fatal to the Canaever, on the validity of its con-

The American public does not appear to be in a mood to believe the experts. Sugar is fattening and Americans are overweight. Large numbers therefore take saccharin in their coffee. It comes in little paper packets, coyly named "sweet 'n' low". They drink "dict-Cola" of various corts, liquids sweetened with saccharin rather than sugar.

Americans are addicted to sweet things and are furious at being faced with the choice of

overweight or cancer. It is pointed out that tobacco is far more deadly: hundreds of thousands of smokers kill themselves every year and the Government does nothing about it. The Government is also considering a suggestion to legalize the use of marijuana, although there is considerable evidence that it can be harmful.

Diabetics are particularly incensed. They cannot eat sugar and rely on saccharin to make their food and drink palatable. Now it is to be taken away from them. Some have suggested that the solution might be to label sweet drinks and sweeteners the way cigarettes are labelled, with a health warning.

The law is categorical, how The law is categorical how-ever, and saccharin has been banned and will stay banned until the law is changed. The chairman of the House inter-state and foreign trade com-mittee said today that the law would not be changed precipi-tously, but the pressure is on to do just that



Mr Brezhnev yesterday: "We will not tolerate interference from anyone."

Brezhnev Middle East peace plan

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violated end dissent suppressed in the Soviet Union. This was the first time a Russian leader has discussed the question of dissidents at such length in

Our opponents would like to find some sort of forces opposed to socialism inside our countries, Mr Brezinev said. countries, Mr Brezhney said.
But since these did not exist,
"the semblance of an internal
opposition is being created by
false publicity.

It was not forbidden to think
differently from the majority
in the Soviet Union, and "conscientious critics" were wel-

Mr Brezhnev set out a pro-gramme for developing rela-tions with the United States, four concrete aims which Moscow believed could

These were a new Salt treaty; joint initiatives in banning and destroying the most lethal chemical weapons, and other measures to restrain the arms race; developing trade and economic ties; and joint action to achieve a settlement in the Middle East. His detailed plan to bring an

end to the Arab-Israeli dispute included an agreed schedule allowing for Israeli withdrawals from occupied Arab lands by stages "in the course of, say, several months.

Another apparently new Soviet proposal was the creation of demilitarized zones in the Middle East, with United Nations observer teams which could include Russian, American, Brirish and French repre-

that the Soviet Union, the United States and other countries supplying weapons to the Middle East could study ways of ending the arms race there—an echo of President Carter's recent call for restraint in foreign arms sales.

A final peace document or documents should outlaw the acquisition of territory by war and ensure the rights of all dence and security, as well as guaranteeing the Palestinians rights to create their own state, the Soviet leader said.

As part of an eventual settle-ment, the Soviet plan foresaw Israel's withdrawal from all territories it occupied in 1967. Appropriate borders between Israel and its Arab neighbours Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon—should be clearly defined and declared "finally established and inviolable".

The state of war would end with the completion of the Israeli withdrawals -- Reuter.

Politician prefers jail to Bhutto talks

From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, March 21 Air Marshal Asghar Khan, one of Pakistan's jailed Opposition leaders, is adopting a stiffer

attitude on the question of dialogue with the Government. Today he refused to leave his prison cell in Lahore although told by the prison superinten-dent that he was being released so that he could attend a meet-ing of the nine-party Pakistan National Alliance to discuss the Prime Minister's latest offer of talks on alleged malpractices

in the elections on March 7.

The retired air marshal
brushed aside the idea of holding talks with Mr Bhutto saying it was "outrageous" for the alliance to consider any such move. He would not leave his prison cell until the Government ounced on the radio the lifting of the emergency, which was enforced six years ago, and the release of all political prisoners and detainees in the country. Both these demands figure for the first time as a precondition of the country and the country.

ment about the elections which the Opposition claims were Several other jailed leaders of the Pakistan National Alliance, which mounted a campaign of civil disobedience after the poll results, have been freed. They are expected to meet in Lahore

tomorrow to consider

tion to talks with the Govern-

told the Prime Minister that his offer could only be discussed if alliance leaders were freed. While the alliance seems to be divided on the question of accepting Mr Bhutto's approach, the defeat of Mrs Gandhi in the Indian election has emboldened a faction in the Opposition which believes that the Indian Opposition has blazed a new

Bhutto's third successive offer to the Opposition to abandon its agitation on the streets and

sit down for serious talks on

specific issues relating to the

elections. Mufti Mahmud, the president of the alliance, had

Two districts of Karachi remain under curfew. Troops are on patrol with machine guns fixed to vehicles. The curfew was imposed on Saturday evening after rioting but the reduction today of the period for shopping and other domestic chores from four hours to two hours in the west district of Karachi indicates that the situation is far from normal.

According to unofficial reports, six people were killed for violating curfew restrictions yesterday. More deaths were

yesterday. More deaths were reported today. In Hyderabad, 120 miles from Karachi, 17 people were re-ported killed in a clash yesterday between civil armed forces and demonstrators. About 190

Ashanti chiefs hold durbar for the Prince of Wales

March 21.—The Prince of Wales today attended a grand durbar held in his honour by the chiefs and people of Ashanti in central Ghana. Asswreheme (King) Orumiuo Opoku Ware II told the Prince that the chiefs and people of Ghana cherished their many years of happy association with Britain. He presented the Prince with a number of gifts, including a shield with a carved sword and a gun laid across, which he said symbolized a warrior.

ized a warrior.

The Asawteheme also gave the Prince a necklace made of

gold to be given to the Queen Replying, the Prince recalled that in spite of the stormy early relations between Britain and Ashanti, each nation had come to know and respect the courage, enterprise and determina-tion of the other. He went on to praise Ghana's policy of self reliance.

The Prince, who errived in Ghana on Thursday for an eight-day official visit, is expected to fily to Bolgatanga in northern Ghana, tomorrow.—

Dr Castro says no Cubans are in Zaire

Continued from page 1

the Soviet Union and its allies. llowever, there are believed to However, there are believed to be a number of Cubans engaged in training guerrillas in camps in Tanzania and Mozambique. With large numbers of Cuban troops already engaged in Angola, Western analysts here believe that Cuba would be unwilling to undertake another costly military operation in southern Africa at this spage.

Africa at this stage.

Although no official communique was issued at the end of his visit, Dr Castro's public remarks on the question of southern African conflict are in line with President Nyerere's thinking. The Tan-zanian leader has frequently made it clear that he does not want southern Africa to be turned into an international bandefield. However, he has also given warning that if South African troops became engaged in Rhodesia the front line states would have to con-sider seeking omride empore. Asked about Cuban involve-

ment in the Angolan conflict, Dr Castro said Cuban troops had only been committed when an invesion from abroad, mainly South Africa, took place. The Angolans had the right to seek Cuban assistance right to seek Cuban assistance in such circumstances, he said.

This emplanation of events in Angels is widely accepted by many African countries, particularly Tenzania where Cuba's actions in support of the Popular Movement (MPLA) against the two pro-Western astions is gationsist organizations, FNLA and Units, is generally approved. The Western view, that Cuba was an invading force acting in the interests of the Soviet Union, is not given

much credence here.

Dr Castro strongly denied press reports that Cuba was involved in the fighting in the Shaba province of Zaire.

"There is not a single Cuban involved", he said. "We have nothing to do with it at all and we have not equipped or trained the forces which are fighwing the rading clique in

The next stage on Dr Castro's African mystery tour turned out to be Beira, Mozambique, where he arrived later today. It was not known until several hours after his departure where his next destination was or where he would be going after Mozambique although it seemed likely he would visit Zambia on his way to Angola.

His reception in Lusaka unlikely to be as warm as in Tanzania. President Kaunda is Tanzania. President Kaunda is only too aware of the potential destabilizing influence of Cuba and the Soviet Union and at the time of the Angolan war a year ago he warned Zambians to beware of "a plundering tiger and its deadly cubs coming through the back door".

By iocluding Zambia in his itinerary, Dr Castro willib e visiting all of the from line states except Botswana. Although primarily seen as a flag-waving exercise, the timing of his tour is significant, ing of his tour is significant, coming as it does when Mr Ian Smith is trying to gather support for an internal settlement in Rhodesia and while the Patriotic Front of Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe is intent on stepping up the guerrilla war.

Hunger striker wins better conditions

Jerusalem, March 21

A Gaza prisoner who was one of the leaders of the six-week hunger strike in Ashkelon jail, which recently resumed, has won an order from Israel's High Court, requiring the Prisons Commissioner to show cause within 20 days why he should not be siven humane conditions. given humane conditions.

Muhammad Mahdi Beseso complained to the court in an afficavit that he was being held under intolerable condi tions and that the prison authprities were "deliberately endangering his life".

The affidavit asked the court to order the Prisons Commis-sioner to provide him with a clean place to sleep, a change of clothing, washing facilities, daily exercise, medical atten-tion and the right to receive visits and newspapers. It alleged that after he and

others called the second hunger strike in Ashkelon on February 24 he was transferred under army control to an unknown place where he was imprisoned in "a filthy hovel, from which he cannot see the light of day and is denied medical attention, clean clothes and washing facilities ".

"interested in seeing his health deteriorate, placing his life in danger". It maintains that the aims of the hunger strike were legal, modest and acceptable to all persons with a conscience and charges that the Prisons Commissioner's actions violate basic human rights.

The order, issued by Mr Jus-tice Ben-Sion Sharashevsky on Friday, calls on the Prisons Commissioner to show cause why he should not comply with the demands of Mr Baseso, who is serving a 15-year sentence as a terrorist infiltra-

His lawyer, Mrs Felicia Anger, claimed today that he was being kept in a small space without light for 24 hours a day and was still on hunger strike. He was in a weak condition. The Inter-netional Red Cross had been

asked to intercade. Several other hunger strike leaders, it is understood, have been transferred to other jails and as a result the prison authoricies claim that the strike at Ashkelon is over, but lawyers for some of the men

say they are continuing to refuse food individually. The first strike at Ashkelon began on December 10 and in-It accuses the Prisons Com-volved nearly 400 Arabs, missioner of trying to break About 215 resumed the him, mentally and physically, hunger strike on February 24

Mr Arafat pins his hopes on President Carter

Arafat, manimously reelected chairman of the Executive of the Palestine Committee Liberation Organization yester-day, has said that he hopes President Carter still understands the Palestinian cause.

Speaking after the thirteenth session of the Palestinian National Council yesterday, Mr Arafat regretted that State Department officials had gone back on Mr Carter's recent verbal support for a Palestinian homeland.

bad impression on the national council", he said. "I hope, despite that, that President Carter understands our cause, our rights and the suffering we have endured. My confidence in the American people, who have elected presidents like Abraham Lincoln and (Woodrow) Wilson, remains

The Palestinian leader confirmed that the extremist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, led by Mr George Habash, had refused to join the new Executive Committee, but he refused to condemn the

.00 France-Presse

Jerusalem, March 21.-The

today.

The Palestine National Council last night adopted a 15point programme reaffirming the strategic aim of dismant-ling the Jewish state and setting stringent conditions for

the Foreign Minister, com-mented today on Israeli radio. He called for "a positive plan to solve the Palestinian prob-lem within the framework of

Carro decisions justined Israel's refusal to negoriate with the Palestinian movement. "The only place we will meet is on the battlefield", he

Cairo, March 21.-Mr Yassir

"This retreat has created a

group and emphasized that it had asked him to represent it the committee.-Agence

Palestinian movement's deci-sion to take a tougher line on Middle East peace moves showed the world that Israel had been right to treat it as extremist, Israeli officials said

peace talks.
"They are divided between extremists and even more extremists", Mr Yigal Allon,

peace with Jordan ".

Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, said last night that the Cairo decisions justified

Man with hostages wants to fly to Uganda

Toronto, March 21.-A man armed with a shotgun seized up to 18 hostages in a bank here today and demanded to be taken to Uganda, police said. The main said he wanted to

take four hostages and a senior police official with him to the airport, where he demanded that an aircraft he waiting. Police talked to him by tele-

Police sent dozens of officers into the central Toronto area around the branch of the Banque Canadienne Nationale where the gunman held his hostages. Sharpshooters took up positions in nearby buildings and on the cordoned-off streets

Crowds of shoppers and office workers were kept back from the area and ambulances stood

Britons in Greek prison

Athens, March 21

The growing British colony at Korydallos prison, near Piracus, were visited today by Mr John Forbes Meyler, the British Consul, who went to make sure that the prisoners were being properly treated and had the required legal assist-

visited by consul

First he saw the five aircraft spotters jailed on espionage charges on Friday after failing to persuade the judges that aircraft spotting was their hobby. The Consul found three of them in the main prison complex in secrets calls. The plex in separate cells. other two were in the juvenile section. One, Mr Christopher Taylor, was allowed to see his

Mr Athanasios Iatrou, their lawyer, said he had appealed against the sentence on the ground that the court had erroneously interpreted the espionage provisions of the penal code as well as the evidence pro-

The consul also visited Mr Michael Corder, aged 32, who was sentenced last week to life imprisonment for the murder of a Greek drinking companion. Mr Corder was told that his lawyers were considering filing a plea for retrial to the Supreme Court.

The consul inquired about three London women held in Korydeilos pending trial on charges of possessing and circulating counterfeit banknotes. ing the break.-Reuter.

Greek protest at move to abolish siesta

than half the shops in Greece stayed closed today in a 24hour protest strike by shopkeepers and employees against the abolition of the siesta.

The decision to abolish the three-hour midday break and have all shops and firms working from 9 am to 5.30 pm was taken by the Government last mouth in an effort to cut oil imports. The measure was in-

troduced for a trial period until May 15.
Shopkeepers fear that it would harm business and employees say that it would upset their living habits. It would also cost more to eat lunch in a restaurant than at home where they return dur-

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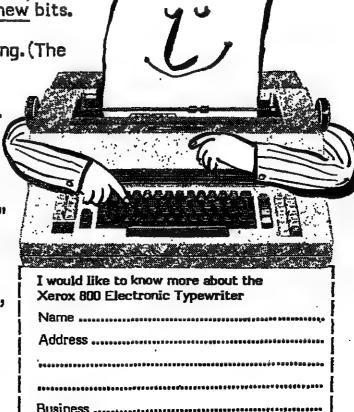
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Chancery Division

In re Chewton Common

Settle, QC, a Commons Commissioner.

Mr F. M. Farris for the appellants. The respondents thid not
appear and were not represented.

HIS LORDSHIP said the appeal
related to certain parcels of land
amounting in area to about \$1.78
acres and to two further small
pieces of about \$1.36 acres, all
known as Chewton Common, near
Christchurch. The issue was
whether those lands were "waste
land of a manor not subject to
rights of common "within the
definition of "common land" in
section 22 (1) of the Commons
Registration Act, 1956.

Law Report March 21 1977.

Waste land once part of

manor registrable

as common land



Without Fear, world record breaking stallion, is introduced to the Queen at a stud northeast of Adelaide yesterday. It will sire a foal to be given her as Australia's silver jubilee gift.

majority rule.

A complicating factor in the dispute is the planned visit to southern Africa by Dr Owen, the British Foreign Secretary. It is expected that Mr Smith will meet Dr Owen in Cape

Town, but it is not clear whether this will be before or after the pacty congress. Mr Smith's ability to put down his party revolt at the congress may either depend on or after the Phodesian leader age.

what the Rhodesian leader says

A military communique issued in Salisbury today said that military launches operating in Rhodesian waters on the

Zambezi river wee fired on from the Zambian bank twice

at the weekend. There were apparently no casualties and

Rhodesian troops returned the

the death in action against the

African nationalist guerrillas

of an African district assistant,

aged 19. It said also that five guerrillas had been killed by

Government troops and that seven African civilians, includ-ing an acting chief, had been killed by guerrillas in separate incidents.

Amin query on

Mrs Thatcher's

marital status

From Our Correspondent

President Amin of Uganda appeared today to be preparing

for a possible change of

Government in Britain. He told

Mr Bob Astles, his adviser on

British affairs, to find out the

age, beight and mariral status

He also wanted to know whether she had children, and if so their ages, whether she

has any university degrees, and her experience in politics, par-

the British economy survive".

Uganda radio said that he had called for this information

to prepare himself for the

Nairobi, March 21

of Mrs Thatcher.

The communiqué disclosed

to the Foreign Secretary.

Rhodesian rebel MPs on visit to South Africa to seek support

From Michael Knips Salisbury, March 21

The Rhodesian Government has been angered by the visit to South Africa of a delegation from the group of 12 rebel Rhodesian Front MPs who are apparently setking support from the Republic's ruling

Government sources here have accused the rebels of breaking an agreement reached fast week not to widen the split before an emergency Rhodesign Front congress resolves the dispute next month. In fact, the declared agreement was not to make any public statements before the congress.

The rebel delegation is believed to be seeking meetings with National Party leaders who are sympathetic to its plan for a geographic division of Rhodesia between the whites and the two African whites and the two African tribes. Such a solution would be similar to South Africa's Bantustan segregation, but the revels prefer to liken it—with little explanation—to the Swiss canton system. Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, has ruled out suy hope of a segregated solution bring acceptable inter-

"According to Government sources, this is the second visit by rebel Rhodesian Front members to South Africa in Government's modification of the past few months. Late last

Brazzaville, March 21-The

Zaire Air Force has sent bomber aircraft to raid Dilolo,

one of four towns reported to

gendarmes, in Shaba province (formerly Katanga), Zaire radio

said today.
The invading force is reported to have crossed into Zaire from

Angols last week in an attempt

to capture the province.

Brussels: The attack on Shaba

by former Katangese gendarmes

is not part of a concerted action by opposition groups to over-throw President Mobutu of Zaire, according to diplomatic

If the rebel movement spread however, or other groups fol-

lowed its example it could have

far-reaching consequences, according to the sources. The

central Government is not directly threatened at present

Opposition factions were taken by surprise, although there had been some coopera-

tion between them and the gen-

Zaire planes raid town

occupied by invaders

year a group is said to have conferred with a South African Cabinet minister.

After the first meeting Mr Smith was apparently forced to send two senior ministers to the Republic to discuss with regard as a self-out to black

Smith was apparently forced to send two senior ministers to the Republic to discuss with Mr Vorster this unofficial rebel contact. The South African Prime Minister, according to the sources, was equally annoyed by the revels' visit. When they returned to Salisbury the two Cabinet ministers are said to have corrected statements about the South African Government's attitude to the Rhodesian crisis made by the revel elements at a meeting of the Rhodesian

Front parliamentary caucus.

The latest revel delegation is understood to consist of four MPs led by Dr Cotin Barlow, the group's spokesman, and to include Mr Edward Sutton-Pryce, a former depty minister and an ardent advocate of a Swiss canton-style solution.
The 12 rebels have refused

to resign their parliamentary seats or to resign from the party, and they appear determined to challenge Mr Smith's leadership at the forthcoming congress. A meeting between the Prime Minister and the 12 last week was described by the rebels as being "totally abor-

This was particularly the case between the leaders of the gen-darmes, linked to the pro-

Marxist Congo National Libera-tion Front, and the Brussels-based Action Movement for Re-

The gendarmes, former sup-porters of the late Moise Tshombe who tried to set up

an independent state in Kat-

anga, are led by Lieutenant-General Nathanael Mbumbs of

The Liberation Front is re-

garded by Zaire experts in Brussels as being left wing and

pro-Moscow. The Action Move

ment, whose secretary-general, Mr Mobatelli Kanyonga, is in Belgium, is considered to be

more moderate social-demo-cratic and pro-Western.

But the two groups could work together again within the

so-called Rassemblement des Congolais Progressistes which they have been trying to set

up jointly, according to the sources. -Reuter.

surrecting the Congo.

the Liberation Front.

Mr Vorster discusses fate of the press Bill

From Our Correspondent
Cape Town, March 21
Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, today met
representatives of the Newspaper Press Union at their
request to discuss the Newspaper Bill, which provides for
statutory control of the South
African press. The meeting
lasted for nearly three hours
and a half and the talks are to
resume tomorrow.

rights of common within the definition of "common band" in section 22 (1) of the Commons Registration Act, 1956.

All parties accepted before the commissioner that the lands were and had at all material times been waste land, save for a small part on which a scout but had been erected. As at December 28, 1804, all the lands had formed part of the manor of Somerford, one Richard Debary being lord of the manor. By an indenture of lease and release o fittat date and December 29, 180M, respectively, Debary had conveyed the lands to Sir George Ivison Tapps, with the result that they were for the time being severed from the manor, of which Debary remained the lord. On January 10, 1809, however, Sir George purchased the manor at auction, and by deeds of lease and release dated April 30 and May 1, 1811, the manor was conveyed to him. His successors in title were the trustees of the Meyrick 1968 Combined Trust, and they were registered as owners in the ownership section of the register kept by the registration amthority in respect of both the 81.78 acres and the 0.36 acres.

Section 1 (1) (a) of the Act provided for registration of common land "being defined in section 22 (1) as meaning, internating land works, and they were provisionally registered as 61.78 acres of its own motion by virtue of sections 4 (2) (a) and 4 (5), as CL 190. Laper Christchurch Borough Council applied to register the smaller areas and they were provisionally registered as CL 269. The trustees objected to those registrations, and accordingly the matter was referred in the commons commis-The NPU, which represents the proprietors of all South African newspapers, is unanimous in its opposition to the provisions of the Bill: a new press code and a Press Council

The NPU is seeking to have the Bill withdrawn, arguing that the newspaper industry's own voluntary Press Council is adequate for the maintenance of standards and that statutory press control is a gross infringement of press freedom.

Editors and journalists who refuse to accept the jurisdiction of the proposed council and decline to apper before it, will face fines and prison sen-

immediately after today's meat-ing, which lasted for ore than two hours. There was no indi-

to suspend the measure like a sword of Damocles over the heads of newspaper editors and proprietors. The News-paper Bill will be opposed paper bill will be opposed outright by the opposition Unitee Party and the Progressive Party in Thursday's second reading debate.

tests early

her experience in politics, par-nicularly in Africa and Asia, and her feelings on Uganda. He finally asked whether Mrs Thatcher was "intelligent enough and caoable of making Moscow, March 21.—The Soviet Union today announced that it had completed its latest test series of rocket launchings into the north Pacific 10 days forthcaming Commonwealth conference in London. He

ahead of schedule.

with a majority of state ap-pointees and powers to fine jountlaists and close news-papers down for unspecified ptriods.

areas and new were provisionally registered as CL 269. The trustees objected to those registrations, and accordingly the matter was referred to the commissioner concluded that the lands were "not subject to rights of common", and regarded the substantial question before him as being whether or not the lands were "waste land of a masor" within section 22 (1) (b). He refused to confirm the registrations, and accordingly Christchorch Borough Council requested the commissioner to state a case for the High Court. Both a Mr Milligan, an agent of the Meyrick trust, and Dorset Councy Council were joined as respondents to the originating notice of motion, but neither had taken any part in the proceedings.

The grounds of the commissioner's decisions, as appeared

tencis. No statement was issued cation that the Bill would be wichdrawn withdrawn the Case stated, were (1) that the effect of the 1804 conveyance was to sever the land conveyed from the manor of Somerford so that is cased to be

Bill on the promise of revision of the code and procedurs of its voluntary Press Council. It is possible, however, that the Bill may be referred to a select committee at the second reading, which would delay it The effect of this would be

Russia completes

already knows Mr Callaghan's

The tests of carrier rockers launched from inside Soviet

A sum of £50,000 received by an employer in return for releasing an employee from objections under a service contract was held to be a capital sum derived from assets within the maning of section 22 of the Finance Act, 1965, and therefore chargeable to tax. His Lordship allowed an appeal by the Crown against the discharge by special commis-sioners of an assessment to corporation tax of £5,000 made on Benson's Hosiery (Holdings) Ltd fur 1963-70.

someriors so that it ceased to be waste of that manor; and (2) the fact that Sir George, after he had acquired the land in question, also acquired the lordship of the manor did not have the effect of imposing on the land the smus

imposing on the land the smrus of waste of a manor. From Delacherois v Delacherois (1864) 11 ER 1254) it clearly appeared that certain lands which had ceased to form part of the demesne lands and were sobsequently repurchased were not reannexed to the manor so as to

Release from service

contract: payment taxable

for 1969-70.

In 1968 the taxpayer company acquired the share capital of Berson Hosiery Ltd. Mr R. S. Behar, sales and merchandise director who owned a quarter of the shares in Benson, received 245,000 ordinary shares in the taxpayer company Ru a service agree-

ordinary shares in the taxpayer company. By a service agreement in 1968, he was appointed sales and merchandisting director of the taxpayer company for seven years. For two years he carried out his duties with conspicuous success, but in 1970, at his request, he was released from his obligations under the agreement on his paying \$50,000 to the taxpayer company. On appeal against an assessment to corporation tax for 1968-70, the commissioners upheld the taxpayer company's contention that no chargeable gain arose on the receipt of the \$50,000. The Crown appealed.

Air Brian Davennort for the Mr Brian Davenoort for the Crown; Mr Andrew Thorodill for

the taxpayer company.

MR JUSTICE FOX, in a reserved judgment, said that the taxpayer company was a holding company and did not trade. company and did not trade.

Section 22(1) provided that, for the purposes of Part III of the Finance Art, "all forms of property shall be assets". Section 22(3) provided for a disposal of assets "where any capital sum is derived from assets . . in particular to—... (c) capital sums received in return for forfeiture or surrender of rights".

The Crown contended that the taxpayer company's rights under

The Crown contended that the impayer company's rights under the agreement constituted an asset "asset" and that the £5,000 was a capital sum received in return for the surrender of rights within section 22(3)(c). The taxpayer company argued that the right of an employer under a couract of

O'Brien (Inspector of Taxes) v
Benson's Hosiery (Holdings)
Ltd

Before Mr Justice Fox

[Judgment delivered March 17]

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[Judgment delivered March 17] great width. Parliament was not taking a restrictive view of the sort of assets falling within Parl III of the Act. Section 22(3), on the Crown's argument, provided a short auswer to the question; the sub-section defined certain events which were deemed to be "disposal of assets" and if one of those events had occurred then there was such a disposal. Thus, it argued, it was not necessary to ask, as the unspayer company submitted one must, whether there

decision on the basis of facts as they substited at the date of hearing. Parliament could not have intended the registrability of common land to depend on such accidents. His Lordship was supported in that conclusion by the decision of Mr Justice Foster in In re Yateley Common (11977) 1 All ER 505). His Lordship would accordingly allow the suppeal and direct that the provisional registra-

direct that the provisional registra-tions be confirmed.

Solicitors: Sharpe, Pritchard & Co for Mr Philip W. Samuel

mitted one must, whother there was an "asser" within the meaning of sub-section (1) to be disposed of because a capital sum had been received in return for "surrender of rights". had been received in return for "surrender of rights".

Even if the taxpayer company was correct in submitting that it was first necessary to see whether there was an "asset "to which section 22(1) could apply, his Lordship could not accept its argument. The draftsman must have assumed that a wide class of rights fell whitin the description of "assets": the word was used in an unrestricted sense. There was no reason for excluding valuable rights held by an employer under a service contract from the section. Moreover the taxpayer company's submission that non-assignable rights could not be property "for the purposes of the section, was not acceptable; certain non-transferable rights, eg. a non-assignable lease, were certainly property. By whatever route taken the only conclusion that could be reached was that the £50,000 was derived from the disposal of assets and was chargeable to tax.

Alternatively the taxpayer company had raised an argument

to tax.

Alternatively the taxpayer company had raised an argument
based on valuation under section
22(4). That was a matter for the tion.

The final alternative argumen

for the taxpayer company, that the E50,000 was derived not from the service contract but from the shares, was not supported by the findings of fact and must be rejected. The appeal was allowed and the matter remitted to the commis-sioners for valuation.

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pass under a devise of "the manor" in the lord's will.

If Perris, for the appellants, raised two contentions not ventilated before the commissioner; that the lends having at all material times been waste land and having once been "waste land and having once been "waste land of a manor" were within the definition of "common land" in section 22, even though they were severed from the manor in 1804; and/or alternatively had become waste of the inantry by repute. Though those commissions fell outside the ambit of the question of law in the case stated, his Lordship felt it appropriate to amend the case to raise the appropriate question.

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"He served New Zealand with great distinction and his death is a loss felt by all of its", he said.

Mr D. J. Carter, the New Zealand High Commissioner in London, said Lord Cobhan bad been one of New Zealand's most

been one of New Zealand's most popular Governors General.
"He enriched our lives through his tremendous contributions to sporting and social life."

Leningrad trial of Belgian postponed

Moscow, March 21.—The Soviet authorities have postponed because of the judge's illness the trial of Mr Antoon Pyoe, a Belgian tourist, who was due to spear before a Leningrad court today on charges of anti-Soviet activities, the Belgian Embassy said.—Reuter.

Briton held -

Bangkok, March 21.—Miss Rita Nightingale, a Briton, and two Hongkong men were arrested here yesterday as they were about to board an aircraft.
Police claimed they found 8.8lb of heroin hidden in an overinight bag and in a transistor

S Korea boom based on low wages

background.

From Peter Hazelhurst Seoul, March 21

Rising as a rival to Japan and a new contender for a share of European markets, South Korea is in the middle of an unprecedented economic boom. Its growth rate rose by 15 per cent in real terms last year, exports went up by 52 per cent to \$7,500m (£4,410m) and all the signs indicate that the economy will make new spectacular strides this year.

This is mainly because millions of Koreans are prepared to work eight hours a day, six days a week for low wages. Mrs Kim Eun Ha, a mother of two, for instance, works on the production line of a small electronics factory on the outskirts of Seoul for £25 a

There is little that the lowly paid labour force can do to demand higher wages. Strikes are outlawed by the emergency laws and, 25 a result, highly competitive South Korean manufactured goods are beginning to properties. ning to penetrate markets from Japan to South America.

from Japan to South America.

Essentially then, South Korea's docile labour force is the key to the Government's present five-year economic plan which is designed to provide the country with an annual growth rate of 9 per cent until 1981—on the premise that exports will rise by a minimum of 16 per cent every year.

Government economists are £150.
fully aware that the country In a recent complaint to incan achieve this target only if dustry Mr Chung said that

industry retains a competitive edge which has already cut deeply into Japan's traditional markers. But many Koreans are beginning to wonder how long the passive labour force will put up with long hours and low pay.

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Although meek by comparative standards. Jabour is already beginning to demand a greater share of the country's

new prosperity.

Even the Federation of Korean Trade Unions, endorsed and sanctioned by the Government, is beginning to revolt against the present trend. In a revealing explanation of how low wages contribute towards South Korea's astonishing export drive, Mr Chung Dong Ho, the president of the federation, points out: "Direct labour costs account for about 5 per cent of total production costs. Thus even if wages are doubled the impact

on production costs will be minimal." International competitiveness should be bolstered by "producing quality goods tailored to the needs of foreign buyers. Attempts to bolster competitive power only through pricing must be dis-carded."

Although workers on produc-

tion lines in larger sectors of industry earn up to £10 a month, the trade union federanionin, the trade union redera-tion argues that the average income of the Korean labour force is well below the estab-lished minimum cost of living for a family of five, which is rose by a staggering 29 per cent during the past three months."
In addition labour produc-

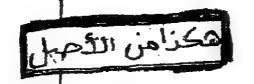
tivity rose by an impressive 10 per cent during the first half of 1976. But in spite of the high growth rate of the economy, most workers receive wages which do not even meet level of the minimum cost of living."

The labour federation is ask-

ing for an average wage in-crease of 37 per cent this year but it is believed that the Ministry of Labour, which arbitrates between the unions and management, prefers 20 Government officials claim that workers will have to con-

that workers will have to con-tinue to make sacrifices for the sake of the national economy. "We are trying to create more jobs instead of raising wages in one narrow sector. If we are going to do this we have to export. And this means South Korea must regain is commentive nower." retain its competitive power."
But Mr Chung counters: "It is unreasonable to think of international competitive power only in terms of nominal wage increases without considering the actual cost of living. There is no minimum

wage and many workers receive wages as low as 525 a



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Prokofiev as propagandist

NPO/Muti Festival Hall

Thomas Walker

Like the Eisenstein film from which it is drawn, Prokofier's Alexander Nevsky cantata is one of the most compelling works of propaganda that Soviet Second World War fast approaching, it called on the Russian people to sacrifice, even evoking an image of Gorman invasion in its battle of resistance against the Teutonic Knights. Western material of similar intent, at least such of it as I know, is crude by comparison.

To me Alexander Nevsky is also a work of unique sadness, written against a background of contained proletarian revolution and surviving imperialism. Sad, too, because of its intense nationalism that betweens the political degeneration of the first workers' state.

Sunday's performance by Muti and the New Philharmonia Orchestra was brilliantly con-trolled yet forcible, indeed stirring. I had not noticed before just how finely shaded is Prokofiev's orchestral palate nor how many levels or depiction the battle scene elibraces. Even the counterpoints seemed justi-fied and uncontrived.

Daniel Wavenberg Queen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell

Before approaching Russia, the Dutch pionist, Daniel Wayen-berg, divided the first half of

berg, divided the first half of his recital on Sunday afternoon somewhat unusually between List and Stockhausen.

Many a pianist might prefer to play himself in before plunging into such a hotbed of trouble as List's B Minor School, Mr Wayenberg chose to tackle it first. His most valuable asset was the full, weighty tone he could bring to the gradious second subject, to the eminous pesants chords towards ominous pesante chords towards the end of the exposition, and to the expensive climax of the Andante sostenuto section, Eut he was often in trouble with octaves, whether in triplet challenges near the start or the fiery outbursts near the end. He also somewhat muddled the texture at other moments of heightened excitement,

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There was much superb playing from the wind and some of the string textures, such as the whispers at battle's end, were assoundingly delicate.
The Moscow-born mezzo-

soprano Irina Arkhipova imparted to the "Field of the Dead" just the right tone of veiver-covered steel. Not the least sacrifice was demanded of culture has produced. With the the New Philharmonia Chorus; singing Alexander Nevsku is a bit like shouting down a bottom-less pit. I am not qualified to judge their Russian accents, but in other respects they merited nomination for the Order of Lenin. Earlier we heard music of

1909 by Stravinsky and Prokofiev. The Scherzo funtasti-que (Op 3), like other early que (Op 3), like other early works of Stravinsky is avidly eclectic, echoing his teacher, Rimsky-Korsakov, Tchaikovsky (in particular, I think, the Scherzo of his Piano Sonata), Wagner and, oddly, Dukas's L'apprenti sorcier.

It is a tour de force of orchestration, and offered excellent scope to the agility of the NPO's strings and wind alike, with special honours, for Clifford Seville's alto flute playing. Prohofizy's Sinfonietta is a

Prohofier's Sinfonietta is a piece of fibered juvenalia, hav-ing been revised more than once, and shows the composer in a pleasantly uncommitted, or perhaps merely unsubsidized

A group of preludes by Rachmaninov told the same tale of generous romantic impulse but insufficient planistic finesse. His right hand lacked the essential clarion clerity at the start of Op. 23 No 2 in B flat. In the popular Op 23 No 5 in G minor the rich nostalgia of his middle section was spoilt by a

rushed confused recapitulation. Even the simple little G minor piece, Op 32 No 5, was insufficiently light and limpid. But he found the lyrical warmin for Op 23 No 4 in D. Stravinsky transcribed his

three movements from Petrushka for Arthur Rubidstein, and they demand a virtuoso technique. Mr Wayenberg, bravely tackled them right up to some, was plainly too taxed to do all that he would like to have done in colouring. But there were some telling outbursts of temperament in "Chez Petrushka", besides some boldly delineated revellers in the last Mr Wayenberg's ear was

nevertheless at its keenest in the precisely calculated sonorities of Stockhausen's Klaviersticke Nos 7 and 8, and all praise to him for making room for them.

Hideko Udagawa

Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

Geminiani's Violin Sonata in A major is not a piece with much personality and is likely to dis-Tartini's description of that composer as 'Il furibondo Geminiani''. Hideko Udagawa brought a sweet tone to its opening Andante, however, and opening Andante, however, and moved fluently through the predictable patterns of the succeeding quick movements. Perhaps it is enough that such a work
sets a performer's fingers going
and focuses the listeners' attention, preparing them for something better.

On Sinday the something bet-

On Sinday the something bet-ter, still in A major, was Krahms's Soneta Op 100. At first Miss Udagawa's tone was neither large nor powerful etough to convey all her inten-tions on phrasing, and the result in the first movement's earlier neges was sketchy. A firmer inpages was sketchy. A firmer interpretative grasp was apparent in the Andasse, but the dif-ferent events of the Finale seemed insufficiently characteriseed too much submerged in the music's general flow: In the Geminiant, Germain Besus's role at the piano was mainly supportive, but for Brahms more active participation than he gave is necessary.

More impressive was Miss

Udzgawa's account of the un-accompanied Bach D minor Partita in which she seemed to have no difficulties of execution at all. Each movement was clear and whole, although perhaps on

with one exception, the gaunt, almost harsh, structures were smoothed down, nearly domesticated. The exception was the concluding Chaconne, which is unlikely ever to be domesticated, for here the music's grandeur imposes itself on player and audience equally. Unlike the earlier Bach move-Unlike the earlier Bach movements, a brace of Paganini Caprices, also for unaccompanied violin, seemed to benefit from having their bristling technical difficulties tamed so immaculately. Finally came a happy ending, since Miss Udagawa, with Mr Bésus back at the piano, achieved complete identification with Prokofiev's identification with Prokofier's Sonata Op 94, especially with its gawky humour.

Dirk Bogarde in new Fassbinder film

Dirk Bogarde is to play the lead in the new Rainer Werner Fassbinder film, Despair. The picture, to be produced by Bavaria: Film Studios in Munich, is based on a script by Tom Stop-pard from a novel by Vladimir Nabokov.

Production starts at Bayaria's Geiselgasteig Studios in Munich on April 18, and continues on locations in Berlin and on the North Sea coast. The only other star cast so far is the French actress, Andrea Ferreol.

Despair, to be made in English, is a thriller in which a man, seeking his identity, com-mits murder both to rid himself of a "double" and of his dim-

Some of the notices on this page are repeated from yesterday's later editions.



Franco Zeffirelli on location in Tunisia

Zeffirelli on his film on Jesus

Franco Zeffkrelli was in Twick-Sunday and Easter Sunday with commercial breaks America sees it by courtesy of NBC also in two slices, but without com-mercials. Italy will view five episodes of an hour and 20 minutes each.

. This was one of the reasons why the music did not fit the Italian credit titles precisely. After two or three different attempts at re-phasing the sound a fanfare of trumpets suddenly came up on frame 759

Regia FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI The studio tensions were at once broken. Laughter all round

and a break for whisky. Zeffired mey well get his own fanfare, on and off screen, when Jesus has been measured. At the moment his personal praise goes in the first place to Robert Powell in the title role. Powell acts above all with his eyes, the camera is constantly moving on those two blue orbs, which have the dazzle of an Irelian means.

I could and would treat Christ career on both his eyes, for at ing off the soundtrack on the Italian version of Jesus of Nazareth. The ATV/RAI co-production goes out in two transmissions of just under and just over three hours on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday with ago, but there appeared to be no actors of the right calibre who were about 30 and British. I knew above all that we could not be quirky—if you are making a two-bour film for the cinema maybe you can take a little licence, but a six-bour television programme which may well reach an audience of 400 million is a different matter.

> "There were two strong candidates in America, assuming they would have accepted the part, Dustin Hoffman and Al Pacino. They would have pro-duced very different images of Jesus: with Hoffman it would have been a Jewish approach; with Pacino we would have had a more Byzantine figure. Both would have been fine for thet two-hour film, bur not for the audience of 400 million.

"I was about to abandon the whole project when Robert Powell came along. We first thought of casting him as a radical, introverted Judas, and then I began looking at those

are about how people look at you. Robert's eyes are quite extraordinary. He's a little short-sighted—or is it long-sighted?—and his focus is a shade behind and above your bead. You are at once in awe and respect; you feel guilty even when he is being gentle.

суев. Did Franco Zeffirelli start with a visual concept of Christ? "Absolutely not. That is why I considered both Hoffman and Pacino, who would have cut totally different figures. I have been attacked, as my dear men-tor Visconti was attacked, for too much indulgence in aesthetics. You may see on screen at one moment the Christ of a seventeenth-century Spanish master, or the Christ of Dürer, but that is entirely accident. I didn't make this film to demonstrate my stritude to art; good taste should be there without going back to specific paint-

Will the commercial breaks in this country upset the flow?
"At first I thought they would; now I feel they might "I finally decided to take two years our of my life and make the film", ZeffireHi confessed.
"I first had to clear my conscience and assure myself that eyes you mentioned. Do you problem with this story, and it remember what Clark Gable once said? 'I didn't make my career on my looks or my voice, is that it is too intense—not so much at the beginning, but but on my left eye.' I think from the moment Christ starts

career on both his eyes, for at no breek in the tension. It is all times they control the like an opera with too many screen. Cinema and television faminatic arise and not enough recitative; the breaks will allow the audience to breath."

Even before the film has been transmitted voices have been raised against it. Has Franco Zeffirelli been upset by them? "In the beginning we positively welcomed complaints, interference, opinions, advice. That is why I engaged four religious consultants, one Catholic, one The spell of our Jesus is in his Anglican, one Jewish and one Moslem. They were not a panel, but four experts to whom we could turn. But if you are referring to the vulgarity of this college campaign in America, then I am not concerned. They accuse me of blasphemy when they have seen nothing of the film. The only basis for the attacks is an interview I gave while we were filming in Tunisia, when I said that I wanted to remove the mythology. The comparison I made was with a picture which has been so lacquered and varn-ished that you cannot see the real painting beneath. People don't like to see the real Jesus, they want to live in a dreamland with Him. They don't accept that He was a man, so they make of the cross a pretty symbol to hang around the neck rather than realize that it was an element of torture. So the mythology will be taken away."

John Higgins

Oscar Araiz gives Paris two Mahler ballets

of losing his place as the young choreographers favourite com-poser. John Neumeier, who dedicated a whole festival to him in Hamburg last year, is in London working on another symphony, the Fourth, for Covent Garden, and in Paris the new programme by the Ballet de l'Opèra contains two Mahler ballets by Oscar Araiz. One of them is the Adagist-

to from the Fifth Symphony. Most previous dances to this which I have seen laid a heavy emotional emphasis on the melancholy which led Visconti to use the music for Death in Venice. Araiz lets the emotion remain implicit and merely sets his two dancers moving gently to the music. That re-straint is one of the reasons why I find his version the most pleasing of all.

The movement is beautifully fluent, with Dominique Khalfouni suspended for much of the time in Michael Denard's arms, but turning and twisting around him, supple as a fish. The dance is built upon a slow plasticity far removed from a classical dancer's usual style, but it suits this handsome: couple to perfection.

The other new work at the Opéra is Mahlers Lieder, con-prising the Songs of a Way-farer and an epilogue from the Rückert Lieder. By coinci-dence, Nureyev was dancing another version of the Way-farer in Paris during the week of the premiere.

For an English visitor, the main interest of the Nureyev programme was to see the way he danced the latest addition to his repoertoire, Pierrot Lunaire, thinbling through the high scaffolding of Ter-Aru-tunian's decor with a daring and physical control which matched his complete intellec-tual grasp of the character, whom he makes much more comic than usual and consequently more tragic too by contrast. But the choreography which Béjart created for Nureyev in Songs of a Way-farer also maintains and even increases its interest the more one sees it.

Bejart matched the different moods of the songs by various stages on one man's journey through life. Araiz sets each song in a completely different choreographic mode. The most striking is "Ich hab' ein glü-hend Messer", which he sets in the fiercely tragic and austere expressionist style of the German dancer Dore Hoyer who was one of his influential teachers. Wilfride Piollet brings a wild intensity to its



"Ging beut' Morgen über's Feld" becomes a trippingly pretty trio for three young women each carrying a flower, leading into a lyrical duet for one of them, Marie-José Redont, with Patrick Dupond, lean Guizers is the leading Jean Guizerix is the leading male soloist, his sorrow con-trasted with the gaiety of France Merovak in the first duet and finding its match when he is paired with Fran-cesca Zumbo for the last.

Araiz brings all these dancers and styles together for Welt abhanden gekommen", and the measure of his arhievement is that he succeeds in reconciling the different modes

Mahlers Lieder: Francesca Zumbo and Jean Guizerix comic ensembles, a danced hymn to young love, wistful convulsive thrusts and thresh which expands richly on the ings.

Which expands richly on the big stage without losing the mood is varied with adroit big stage without losing the concentration of an earlier studio production I saw last year in Hamburg.

At 36, Araiz is one of the most prolific, original and interesting choreographers working today. He has directed his own company in his native Argentina and mounted his ballets in three continents, but is still comparatively unknown in Europe. All the more credit to the Paris Opera for inviting him, as part of a policy of diversification which has already given its dancers creations by Merce Cunning-ham and Glen Tetley.

With such a record of worthwhile experiment on his main into one expression of grieving stage, I cannot understand why acceptance. It is a work of the Opéra's director Rolf Liegreat individuality and power, bermann feels obliged to con-

tinue the unrewarding work of the Groups de Recherches Théâtrales he set up a few years ago. Intended as a free collaboration by greators from Tarious disciplines in securios. various disciplines, it seems to have dwindled into a vehicle for Carolyn Carlson, a dancer and choreographer of meagre

Her latest productions, This and That, have been playing in alternation as an early-evening show at the Théâtre de la Ville; they are due to become a triptych with the addition of The Other. The first of the series, although seriously intended, looks like a crude burlesque of what would have passed for experimental theatre a decade ago. Disjointed entries, flailing repetipinted entries, flailing repetitions, would-be meaningful glances, fragments of speech and song drag their incoherent way through one of the longest hours I have ever endured. engineers. (The first drawings in which they work out an idea before turning it over to a draughtsman to tidy up.)

Just how well "total theatre" can work in the right hands is shown by Maurice Bejart's Le Molière Imaginaire, which has been enjoying an immensely successful run at the Théâtre des Champs-Elys-ées. Béjart himself took over the role created by Robert Hirsch in a gala at the Comedie-Française. He is the mature Molière in a spectacle which traces the playwright's life and work in the context of his time.

Jorge Donn as Louis XIV makes his first entry dressed as Apollo, descending from the flies in a sunburst: literally as deus ex machina. His pompous dance contrasts with another in which, stripped of his golden finery, he displays a prodi-gious virtuoso technique. Commedia dell'arte mime, skill at every turn.

One can imagine more subtle acting of the dramatic interludes, but those too make a contribution to the total effect. and the music of Nino Rota, somewhat à la mode de Lully but modern in feeling, is full of enjoyable tunes, whether jolly or triste. Presumably because it uses a lot of speech which could not well be translated from the French, this show will not be included in Béjart's London season next month, but the standard of performance all through suggests that one need have no worries about the quality of the company he will be bring

John Percival

Renaissance artist tumbled they were intended as "art from the scaffolding while works" (like Claes Oldenpainting a fresco, but I cannot recall his name. By comparison burg's drawings of monumental works he knows will never be built). Smithson always lived the mortality of recent artists in hope that his would be, and in the practice of their art it is an irony that, apart from seems to have been relatively the four completed works, greater. In 1969 an Austrian rapidly deteriorating, which the state of body" artist Rudolf Schwarzremains. But from these relics of an idea a powerful purpose remains; to take art out into kogler, after attempting to castrate himself, threw himself from a fourth floor window life. Good-humoured and life-and was killed. The American enhancing, like Smithson's artist, Robert Smithson, who comic sketch of a Floating projected wast earthworks and Island to travel round Manand was killed. The American artist, Robert Smithson, who projected wast earthworks and harran Island in a barge pulled by a tug, his completed pieces have a majestic seriousmanaged to get a few made, was killed in 1973 while sur-veying the site for one of these works. Amarillo Ramp, when the plane in which he was fiving stalled and crashed.

Schwarzkogler's death was ness. The densely packed imag-ery and dynamic symbolism of Spiral Ramp is beautifully conveyed in the film of its making

comes across in the exhibition, which is supplemented by pho-tographs of the four completed

works (Amarillo Ramp was constructed after his death under the direction of his wife

and friends) and the film

which Smishson made about the building of Spiral Jetty.

Another useful (or, maybe, irrelevant) piece of information contained in the "Chrono-

logy" is that Smithson was born in Rutherford ("Pater-son") New Jersey, and was delivered by William Carlos Williams's assistant! Williams

was his pediatrician and Smith-

son went back to visit him when he was 21.

lately about his own work and the work of other artists which

visual statements on the earth.

his drawings show a literary bent and wit. A Heap of Lan-

guage of 1966 is a drawing on

graph paper of a hill (or heap) made of hand-written words, and others are full of

captions and comments. His drawing style is close to that

of the cartoonist, the most literary of artists, although whether any of this owned anything to that marvellous and humane doctor-poet who

Like many of his generation

and particularly the extended last sequence in which Smith-son is photographed running along the spiral from a helipresumably intended as a final artistic gesture. Smithson's was not premeditated. None the less not premediated. None the less there seems to be an undercurrent of suggestion through the catalogue of the exhibition of Smithson's drawings (now at the Arnolfini in Bristol) that his death was in a sense inevitable, or at least that his work was obsessed with death. Thus in the "Chronology and Selected Exhibitions" a list of deaths: "nine year old brother Harold had died of leukemia in 1936", his school-friend, Danny Donahue "killed in Brooklyn motorcycle accident". "Aunt Julia Duke dies." "Marries Nancy Holt. Holt's parents die, Close friend Charlie Bonjourno dies." "Father dies." This sounds a little like the promotion of a there seems to be an undercur-Copter.
This film and another made by Smithson, Swamp (1971) will be shown tomorrow after a talk on his work by Stuart Morgan which begins at 2.30 pm and on subsequent Wednesdays at 1.30-2.00 pm until the end of the run at the Arnolfini. The show, which was originally organized at the New York Cultural Centre in 1974, closes on April 30. It will open in London at the White-chapel Art Gallery in mid-May and at the Third Eye Centre,

Glasgow, in July.
Also on show at the Arnolfini are paintings by the English artist Norman Stevens little like the promotion of a death cult, as most people have English artist Norman Stevens of gates and paths deep in the country, so that the light is sensed seeping in through leaves. One, a sport, is entitled Collapsing Structure in the Art Historian's Garden. Smithson made a work called Partially Buriad Woodshed, where dymner trucks poured earth on friends and relatives who die. Nevertheless it seems true that Smithson's work was much concerned with the process of decay and change. His best-known executed work, Spiral Jetty, made in 1970 in the Great Salt Lake in Utah, has Buried Woodshed, where dumper trucks poured earth on been continually eroded, is now under 2ft of water and moment when it began to college, surviving only in photographs and descriptions. And Smithson's death while surveying a site for a work seems typical of the total way in which he threw himself into his work. This at least comes across in the exhibition. dumper trucks poured earn on editions of the survey of works seem to intable a much larger universe, but Stevens shows that it is still possible to extract some minor ironies and stir a few leaves with light by means of painting.

excellent exhibition Continuous Diary: 1965-1977 when it was at the Armotini in January. It is now at the ICA in slightly expanded form until April 17, along with an exhibition of his drawings at Angela Flowers until April 7. One aspect of Breakwell's work I did not men-tion then was his "place-ments" with two government agencies through the Artist Placement Group, the organization which tries to arrange for artists to work in a more social context. Recently the placements have been increasingly in nationalized, rather than (as earlier) private industries, and also in government departments. Breakwell's two of American artists (he was placements were of this kind-born in 1938) he wrote articu- working with the British Ra working with the British Rail film unit and with the Architects Division of the Department of Health and Social Ser-

> Breakwell's film The Jour ney, the best work he has done, was produced after he had worked with British Rail, on an Arts Council grant. It is being shown, along with earlier films on Wednesdays at 6 pm (except April 13, when it is at 7 pm). It can also be soon at the Hayward in the proat the Hayward in the pro-grammes of artists films spea-sored by the Arts Council, next week, on Monday at 6 pm and Wednesday at 1 pm.
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> With the Department of Health and Social Security Breakwell worked as a diarist in special security mental hos-pitals. The report which came out from the work Breakwell

was his pediatrician, I do not know. In an essay in the catalogue, Joseph Masheck writes: "Few, if any, of Smithson's drawings, are at all lovely (except when their very draftsmanly anxiousness achieves an expressionist out from the work Breakwell did here with the Architects' group is covered by the Official Secrets Act, as are his diaries for most of the year 1976. But there can be no doubt that a perceptive and imaginative observer here ness achieves an expressionist elegance; some are on the contrary, either interesting—in the sense of 'curious'—or else downright grungy,"

"Grungy" is presumably a more gutsy American equivalent of the public-school English "grotty". Actually neither word is particularly accurate. They are, as I have said, a bit like a cartoonist's drawings and also a bit like found employment by the state found employment by the state for an important social purpose. Breakwell will talk about his placements (subject of course to the OSA!) with other artists who have been associated with the Artist Placement Group, on Wednesday at 7.15 pm and with other diarists about diary writing tomorrow at 7.15 at the ICA. drawings and also a bit like the drawings of men who get things built, architects and

Paul Overv

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The big noise of the Mersey round

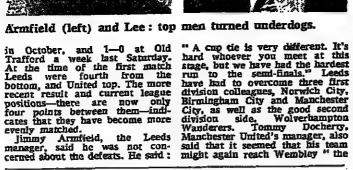
Football Correspondent Everton and Liverpool, who Everton and Liverpool, who were yesterday drawn to meet in the semi-final round of the FA Cup at Maine Road on April 23, are immediately involved in a rehearsal at Goodison Park tonight. Their league match that was already important, with Liverpool hoping to pull away from Igswich Town and Manchester City, who also have games tonight, and Everton still needing to win security, now takes on wider implications. Leeds United and Manchester United, drawn together in plications. Leeds United and Man-chester United, drawn together in the other semi-final at Hills-borough, will be interested to see whether Liverpool can cope with yet another match under pressure. The draw opens the way for a final of wide interest even though the competition is now firmly northern in its composition. The measing of Everton and Liverpool meeting of Everton and Liverpool will be a localized final in itself and the wily experience of Leeds pitted against the exuberant ver-satility of Manchester United satility of Manchester United should provide an enthralling match. Possibly the popular choice for the fipal would now be the matching of Liverpool with Manchester United; a clash of such contrasting styles that the product could hardly fall to be more interesting than United's pale final against Southampton last year or the League Cup final of 10 days

ago.

Tonight will offer the most Tonight will offer the most relevant information on the possible result of the all-Liverpool semi-final, but last October when the clubs met at Anfield, Liverpool won 3—1, and removed Everton from fourth place. Within a few weeks Everton had sunk into the middle part of the table. If league form is a guide, Manchester United also hold an advantage over Leeds, having beaten



Armfield (left) and Lee: top men turned underdogs.



FA Cup semi-final round draw

hard way "—they have beaten Walsall, Queen's Park Rangers, Southampton and Aston Villa. In previous semi-finals involving the clubs, there has been plenty of drama. In 1970, Leeds needed two replays to beat Manchester United before losing to Chelsea in a replayed final, and in 1985 they had to play twice. Leeds went on to lose to Liverpool in the final of that year. Everton and Liverpool have also played against each other in two semi-finals with Liverpool winning both in 1971 and 1950. Six of the Liverpool team who played six both in 1971 and 1950. Six of the Liverpool team who played six years ago, Clemence, Smith. Hughes, Callaghan, Toshack and Heighway, are in the present side, but none remain from the Everton team. That in itself reflects the steady continuity at Antield, and changes at Goodison Park.

Everton's appearance in the semi-final round seems to show that there is some substance to that there is some substance to talk of a revival under the man-agement of Gordon Lee. His drop-ping of McKenzie- for Saturday's ping of McKenzie—for Saturday's sixth round the with Derby County made it clear that he wanted to develop the team his way and, of course, they still have two opportunities to compete in Europe next season, having not yet completed the League Cup final with Ason Villa. No date for the second replay has yet been arranged.

Everton, now stand in the way of Liverpool's ambition to hold three events: the Football League, FA Cup, and European Crp. The situation is reminiscent of 1970 when Leeds were involved in all three competitious and yet missed all of their targets—and the team who beat them to the championship post were Everton.

Everton v Liverpool

At Maine Road (replay Maine Road)

Leeds United v Manchester Utd

At Hillsborough (replay Villa Park)

Ties to be played April 23, replays following Wednesday.

The team who cear from to the championship post were Everton. If semi-final round replays are necessary, Everton will play Livergool at Maine Road and Leeds meet Manchester United at Villa Park. Both games would be on Wednesday, April 27. At Maine Road (replay Maine Road) Leeds United v Manchester Utd At Hillsborough (replay Villa Park)

Tueart expected to be fit for Manchester City Booth, the former England under-23 defender, replaces Doyle,

for tonight's first division game at Queen's Park Rangers after being involved in a car accident at the weekend.

Poter Swoles, the club chairman, said yesterday: "It was only a minor bump but Dennis has a sore shoulder. However, we expett him to play tomorrow and there is only a very slight chance that he will not be fit." Tueart, who was training yesterday, is certain to report for England duty at the weekend if he is in the party for the international against

League in favour | Today's football of Charlton date

The Football League have ruled in favour of Charlton in a fixture dispute with Burnley. Chariton were forced to cancel the match-scheduled for the Valley on Friday-because Burnley's Brian Flynn is in the Welsh squad to play Czechoslovakia next week. They wanted the match to be played on Tuesday, April 26. Burnley wanted Tuesday, May 3. Then the league stepped in to approve April 26.



under-23 defender, replaces Doyle, the injured captain, against a Rangers line-up also dogged by bad luck. Bowles—he suffered a double break of the right leg at Bristol—Francis, and McLintock are all absent. Rangers bring in Abbott at the back and include Thomas and Kelly in a party of 13. City choose from a similar number,

The Merseyside derby at Goodi-

The Merseyside derby at Goodison Park—it took on a new dimension after their FA Cup semi-final round pairing—is also the subject of late rests. Liverpool wait on Callaghan and Toshack and Everton's line-up depends on the fitness of Dobson, Hamilton and Jones. The quintet missed Saturday's sixth-round ties.



Brazil finish top of group despite uninspiring draw

Rio de Janeiro, March 21.— Carlos Baez equalized for Para-Brazil won through to the next guny after 54 minutes. stage of the South American qualifying competition for the World Cup next year despite being held to a 1-1 draw by Paraguay here yesterday. The result meant that Brazil finished top of Group I and will join the winners of the other two South American groups in a new tournament to decide which finals.

finals.

The Brazilians will draw little confidence from yesterday's performance against Paraguay, who had two players sent off and were down to nine men for the last 10 minutes. Roberto gave Brazil the lead with a fifth-minute penalty;

v Epping; Lewes v Cheshum division: Chalfont St Peter v (5.0); Windsor & Ston v. League Cup, third round

BRAZIA: Leac: Maripho, Carios Aberto Torres, Edinho, Marc, Antonio, Cerzo, Riveino, Fañaso, Valdomiro, Roberto, Paulo Cetar.

PARAGUAV: Bentier: Solalinde, Aduch, Isasi, Instran, Soaa, Gonzales, Jost, Lazarini, Panisgaz, Carb, Celiusan, Baer, Referec R. Barreto (Uruguay). Netwee: R. Barreto (Uruguay).

Santiago, March 21.—Chile last night bear Ecuador 3—0 here in their World Cup elimination round, putting them in a strong position to join Brazil and Bolivia in the South American final round. The Chileans went ahead in the 29th minute with a goal from Elias Figueroa, their captain. Eleven minutes later the second was soured by Castro. Their lead was pushed to 3—0 in the 55th minute by Figueros, the man of the match.—Reuter.

Peters may miss World Cup game

Amsterdam, March 21.—Jan Peters, a 22-year-old striker of the Dutch national soccer team, is a doubtful starter for Saturday's vital World Cup qualifying match against Belgium in Answerp.

Peters, who scored both goals in the Netherlands 2—0 victory over England at Wembley last month, is suffering from a knee injury sustained in a Dutch lesgue game last week. The NEC player underwent a preliminary medical examination yeaterday and is to have another test today before any decision is made.—AP.

Table tennis

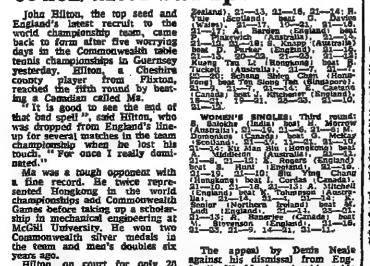
Hilton finds his dominating | The £59,000 gamble goes touch after bad spell

John Hilton, the top seed and England's latest recruit to the world championship team, came back to form after five worrying days in the Commonwealth table tennis championships in Guernsey yesterday. Hilton, a Cheshira conety player from Flixton, reached the fifth round by besting a Canadian called Ma.

"It is good to see the end of that bad spell", said Hilton, who was dropped from England's lineup for several matches in the team championship when he lost his touch. "For once I really dominated."

the team and men's doubles six years ago.
Hilton, on court for only 20 minutes, made simple errors early in the second game and had an anxious period in the third when he twice had a six-point lead whittled away to nothing.
Andrew Barden, England's most consistent player in these champlonships, joined Hilton in the last eight, overwhelming Australia's Paul Pinkewith by 21—14, 21—12, 21—18.
England nearly had two other

21—12, 21—18.
England nearly had two other players through to the quarter-final stage. Douald Parker fought



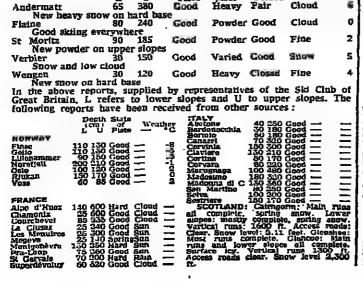
The appeal by Denis Neals against his dismissal from England's World championship table tennis team will be heard in London tomorrow. The application from the 32-year-old English champion was received by the English Table Tennis Association yesterday, and immediately an appeal board was set up. It will be chaired by Colin Clemett of the International Federation.

TAVR appeal

priayers through to the quarter-final stage. Douald Parker fought back from two sets down to take stephen Knapp, of Australia, seeded No 3, to a tight five-set match. Errol Caetano, the second seed from Canada, recovered after the loss of the first two sets to beat England's John Kitchener by 17-21, 19-21, 25-23, 21-10, MEM'S SINGLES: Fourth round: J. Hillion (England) beat E. Ma (Canada, 21-14, 21-18, C1-18; Cheng Kc Yick (Hongkong) beat G. Lassen (New 14-14).

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RUGBY UNION: School sevens couragnest (et Rosslyn Park, 10.20).

ahead at Earls Court

Tennis Correspondent Tennis Correspondent

Next week's World Championship Tennis tournament at Earls
Court is as bold a gamble as any
in the history of the British game.
The cancellation of a tournament
in Stockholm gave WCT and Earls
Court and Olympia Ltd only six
weeks in which to promote a 16man event carrying £59,000 in
prize money without the security
of a sponsor. But they decided to
go shead, and increased the risk
of embarrassment by optimistically
hauling into the main half 10,000
tiered seats on wheels which are
kept handy for such contingenties.
This will be the first time rennis

This will be the first time tennis has been played at Earls Court. The chief difficulties with the court lay in ensuring that it was absolutely level and in muffling the volume of noise, which has been done by puring down an

additional trickness of boards. The court is laid over the pool, which itself is used only for the annual boat show. An adjacent practice court will solve one of the worst problems peculiar to indoor tournaments.

The promotion is imaginatively painstaking, even to such thoughtful details as granting free admittance to paraplegics, who will have a section reserved for their wheelchairs. Spectators in general will benefit from the modernization programme in progress at Earls Court.

The tournament will be held Court.
The tournament will be held from March 29 to April 3, with play in the evenings except for Sunday afternoon. The draw will be made on Thursday. The players are expected to be Alexander, Amritrai, Case, Cox, Dibbs, Fibak, Gerulaitis, Kodes, Laver, Moore, Nastase, Okker, Panatta, Roche, Solomon and Stockton.

Clash of styles in final court and to the deep right away from Miss Navratilova's outstrended racket. Miss Evert outpointed her opponent in the third set as she did in the first. She took the first by breaking through Miss Navratilova's service at love in the tenth game, scoring with a backhand return to service down the line for the set point. Miss Navratilova attacked successfully in the forecourt and in spite of the fact Miss Evert was singling out her backhand, won the second set in the tenth game to square the match, not allowing Miss Evert a point in the game. Miss Evert won the title for which she had been runner up in 1975

Philadelphia, March 20.—Chris-tine Evert defeated Martina Navra-tilova 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 today in the final of \$100,000 Virginia Slims

the final of \$100,000 Virgima Slims of Philadelphia tennis champiouship.

The crowd of 6,437 saw a dramatic clash of styles in the 106-minute match between Miss Evert, the solid back court performer, and Miss Navratilova, the net rusher formerly of Czechoslovakla. The final game was battled through eight calls of deuce and 20 points of stirring, tense and superlative exchanges.

Twice Miss Navratilova fought off match point, once with a splendid running low volley backhand at a sharp angle. On the third match point Miss Evert took a high bounce deep in the court and smashed, overhead, across

she had been runner up in 1975 to Virginia Wade of England and in 1976 to Evonne Cawley of Australia.—Reuter. Draw for FA Trophy Gillian Gilks, a triple champion at last year's all-England badminton championships, will play Suranne Coates, of Surrey, in the first round of the singles at the championships starting at Wembley on Wednesday.

For the record

Miss Coates faces

triple champion

Tennis

Modern pentathlon

Slough Town, the only victorious side in Saturday's ties, meet the winners of the Dagenham-Chorley replay in the semi-final round of the FA Challenge Trophy.

DRAW: Choriey or Dagenham v Slough Town: Scarborough or Nuncaton Bore v Wormouth or Altritcham. First leg. April 9: second, April 16.

Ice bockey

Blushing Groom the trump card in Mathet's 300-strong hand

From Desmond Stoneham French Racing Correspondent Paris, March 21

Although flat racing began in Although flat racing began in the Paris area on February 26 at St-Cloud, the main events, which are more relevant to the 1977 classic scene, are not due to start until the opening day of Long-champ on April 3. French racing, although much richer than the sport in England, has had its share of financial difficulties in recent years, brought about by recent years, brought about by escalaring costs and reduced turn-over of the all-important Tierce bet, because of an increase in the minimal stake of 66 per cent (3 francs, to 5 francs) in January of last year.

The total amount of money that was ploughed back into French racing last year dropped to 559.8m from the 1975 figure of 575.6m using a conversion rate of 273.5th damg a towership rate of 8.50 francs to the pound. But those figures include all types of racing including trotting. Out of a total betting figure of nearly £1,558 some £860m, or 54.77 per cent of total wagers were placed on the Tiercé and since last year the Oparté.

Quarté.

These bets, which are off course, require the punter to find the first three, preferably in the correct order, for the Tiercé, and the first four for the Quarté. They are held nearly twice a week throughout the season, featuring normally a handicap, and they soak up the type of money that is attracted to the football pools in England.

Faced with a reduced budget Faced with a reduced budget Faced with a reduced budget the French racing authorities made certain changes in their sport con-cerning betting, the utilization of the entry and forfeit money and the attraction of sponsors. By allowing a win and place forecast bet called the Couplé to be laid on the Tierré arcse an extra 571m.

The entry money of some 5590,000 was used to increase the value of certain minor events and introduce a Prime (prize) for the owners of French-bred horses, which for 1977 stands at 30 per cent of any money was on any cent of any money won on any racecourse except Longchamp, Chantilly and Deanville. These courses, which are administered by the Societé d'Eacouragement offer an owners prize of 50 per cent and will find the extra money by reducing the number of race cent and will find the extra money by reducing the number of race on be certain that racing would be at the top of the new adminities traces on a card and by decreasing the prize money on two important races, the Grand Prix de Paris and the Prix Royal-Oak, year-old trainer has more than 300

The former race, which was founded in 1863, will now only be worth 559,000 to the winner compared to 534,000 in recent years. The authorities feel justified in making this reduction because the race comes in the middle of a crammed three-year-old season (the race is held on the last Sunday of June) and because of last year's poor field, just nine runners.

The Prix Royal-Oak, the French St Leger, suffers a reduction of nearly £18,000 and the value to the winner will be £35,000. It has also been decided to change the date of the Royal-Oak from the second Sunday in September to the day of the last Longchamp meeting, October 30. The reason for this change is that the Donicaster St Leger is run a day before the Prix Royal-Oak.

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One other group race to be altered this year is the long distance Prix Gladiateur. This race will now take place one week later—this year October 30—it will be group III instead of group II, carry reduced prize money of fil.700 and be run over two and a half instead of three miles.

For the first time last year sponsoring was allowed on certain types of French races. The advantage for the sport was increased money and for the sponsor publicity and television coverage as the race concerned is always a Tiercé, which is alone in reaching French viewers. The first event to be sponsored in France was the Prix de Satory, last September. The name was changed to the Prix "La Marge", the title of a rather satcy film produced by the Hakim brothers, who are both racing enthusiasts.

Since that date quite a number of races have attracted benefactors, who have been anything from womens dress shops to radio stations. With the Tiercé pool coming back to ity 1975 level in events run so far this year, things are looking a little healthier for French racing.

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The clouds in the future appear to lie around a certain amount of talk about the introduction of talk about the introduction or football pools and the somewhat difficult political situation. The parties of the left have just had resounding victories in the numicipal elections and, if this success is carried through to the presidential elections of next year it would horses under his care this year in five Chantilly yards. His owners include the Aga Khan, the Baron Guy de Rothschild and Nelson Bunker Hunt, who also has borses with Maurice Zilber.

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The question everybody is asking is where will Blushing Groom continue his most successful career. Undoubtedly Europe's top two-year-old last year, with wins in all of France's top two-year-old classic races, the Prix Robert Papin, Morny, de la Salamandre and Grand Critérium, Blushing Groom will be a force to be reckoned with no matter which side of the Channel his connexions decide to race him on.

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decide to race him on.

The latest information is that he will make his seasonal reappearance in the Prix de Fontainbleut on April 3 at Longchamp, and then go for the Poule d'Essei des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) three weeks later on the same course. Reports that Blushing Groom will be in the Derby field on June 1 must be a little premature and there are certainly stamina doubts in his pedigree. By Red God out of Runaway Bride, Blushing Groom is a full brother to Bayraan, who was top class at distances ranging from six furlongs distances ranging from six furlongs

Another useful performer from Another useful performer from the Mathet stable is Baron Guy de Rothschild's Général, who is from the first crop of horses sired by Brigadier Gerard. This attractive coit won both his races last year, the second of which was the Group III Prix Thomas Bryon at St-Cloud, Both Général's victories have been at distances of around a mile and there is little doubt that he will stay as his dam, Mercuriale, is by Pan II, who won the 15½ fmiong Prix Royal-Oak in 1950.

General may possibly reappear in the group II Prix Greffulne on April 3, but the stable could be represented in the race by one of two other horses belonging to Baron de Rothschild. These are the Kashmir II colt, Lightning, who won his only race at Longchamp last season, and Crystal Palacc, who is by Caro out of the 1961 Prix de Diane winner, Hermières, and a winner of one of his only two contests.

A filly who may well be classic material from the Mathet stable is Nelson Bunker Runt's Trillion. She had a winning first appear ance in the Prix Perroche Bleue at St-Cloud last Saturday and looks sure to improve on that run. The stable should also meet with success in the group races for alder houses.

Cloonlara is supported again for Derby

By Michael Seely
Aspect, the subject of a gamble for next mouth's fore Free Hands. Cap during the week before Cheltenham, is one of 24 acceptors at the four-day stage for the £5,000 Spring Handicap, sponsored by the same organization, on the opening day of the Flat racing season at Doncaster on Thursday. Gavin Pritchard-Gordon said at the time that he was mystified by the support for the three-year-old, who is considered by Hineform's Racehorses of 1976 to be vastly undersated by the official assessor. Present stable plans are that Eric Eldin will ride Aspect in this seven furlong dash—provided that the ground is not too yield that the ground is not too soft.
The spousors make Ryan Jarvis's

The sponsors make Kyan Jarvis's Arctic Tribune, unfancied when wiming easily at Sandown Park last autumn, their favourite at 9-1. Arctic Tribune, a colt of potential, may also be well treated with 8 st, but his trainer with a state of the potential was come that heavy order may cape. potential, may also be well treated with 8 st, but his trainer watns that heavy going may cause the colt to be withdrawn. They then go 10-1 Aspect, 12-1 Haighhall, Region, 14-1 Bedford Lodge and Donzel, who will be ridden by William Carson and who is reported to be well fancied. But despite the compestive nature of this affair, in which the draw will play its usual decisive part, 12-1 against Region is a good price.

Region, second to Gairloch at Kempton Park before overcoming a slow start to beat Muston Lane and Viscount at Ayr, is rumoured to be the most forward of Peier Walwyn's three-year-olds and to have been moving sweely in recent gallops. Region, who is a certain runner looks sure to start at shorter odds on Thursday.

The Tote also report further support for Vincent O'Brien's flying filly Cloculara to win the Derby. Despite the fact that she may not stay the distance, backers have been taking a chance on Cloculara's chance. She has been laid at all odds from 56-1 to 33-1, On the Grand National front or of laid at all odds from 66-1 to 33-1, On the Grand National front, Sage Merlin, the recent conqueror of yesterday's Wolverhampton winner, Winter Rain, at Haydock Park, has bad his price cut from 50-1 to 33-1.

Third that afternoon was Millioni Grave, who ran so well. ford Grove, who ran so well behind Tip The Wink at Chaltesham last week.

Nottingham programme

1.30 CHARNWOOD NOVICES HURDLE (DW I: Part I: £643:



2.30 CHARNWOOD NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: Part 1: £650: 3.0 TRENT HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (£938: 3½m)

3.30 DERWENT FOXHUNTERS STEEPLECHASE (£423: 21m) DERWENT FUAMUNTERS STREPLECHASE (£423; 24m)

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5 0000-pp Cairado, N. Fox. 9-12-0 Miss S. French

7 00430- Miss S. French

8 0000-pp Cairado, N. Fox. 9-12-0 Mr R. Tata 7

11 00430- Mr Renderson

12 12 00-pp Parmigan Mr F. Girman, 12-12-0 Mr F. French

13 11200-p Ptarmigan Mr F. Girman, 11-12-0 Mr C. Saunders

24 25 Cactarbrain, P. Henn, 10-12-0 Mr A. Tutton

25 091603- Straight Vulgan (C), P. Ransom, 11-12-0 Mr F. Ransom

27 3424-p Straight Vulgan (C), P. Ransom, 11-12-0 Mr F. Ransom

30 0ff Diesal Jack, P. Broome, 5-11-6 Mr P. Webber 7

4.6 Rendiglo, 5-1 Straight Recon, 7.1 Straight Vulgan, 10-1 Playbill, Parmigan

11 16-1 Cairado, 20-1 others.

4.0 SOAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£508: 21m) Plumpton programme

2.15 UCKFIELD HURDLE (£341: 2m)



WOVETHAMPTON

2.0 (2.1) STANDEFORD NOVICES'
HURDLE (4-y-c; Div I: \$409) 2m

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ALSO RAN: 9-2 Limario (1), 5-1

Holl End (1), 8-1 Waltz (1), 16-1

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Muller (pu), 25-1 Bolton Douglet, 33-1 Mangeric (4th), April (pu), Stap Mappy, b s, by Chobs LideKeep Happy (L. Benison), 11-6
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Changing World ... K. Gray (33-1) 3
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Mystery, 10-1 Royal Archer (4th), 20-1 Amber Sym. Attperts Flyer, 33-1
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56p. 1-8. 6l. J. Hardy, at Staunton.

3.0 (3.1) DUDLEY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (£752: 21,711)

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4.30 CHARNWOOD NOVICES HURDLE (Div III: Part I: £632: 5.0 CHARNWOOD NOVICES HURDLE (Div H : Part II : £650:

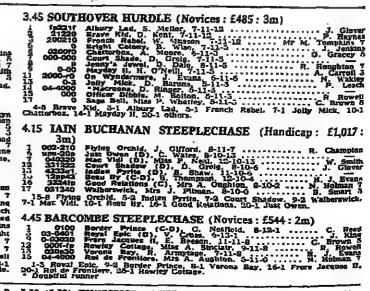
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1.30 Dave's Choice. 2.0 GOOD JOB is specially recommended. 2.36 Divine Lad. 3.0 Moonlight Escapade. 3.30 Remigio. 4.0 In Vision. 4.30 Jacko. 5.0 Sure Enough. 5.30 Martyn Andrew. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.30 Porto Rico. 5.9 Oropendols. 5.30 Contrau.

Plumpton selections By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Brookender. 2.45 Sewel-Spring. 3.15 Serpent Prince. 3.45 Brave Kid. 4.15 Indian Pyrite. 4.45 Royal Epic. By Our Newmarket Correspondent



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Merella ... R. F. Davise (20-1) 2
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13-2 Linden Dolly (ur). 25-1 King
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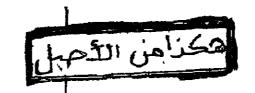
20-1 Serggan (5th), 25-1 Singer Max (pu), 33-1 Strackland, Sam Browns, Summer Sergnade, Malloris, Beyond Loven, White Stationary (f), Dolven Wood, White Stationary (f), Dolven Wood, White Stationary (f), Dolven Wood, White Stationary (f), Box of the Stationary (f), Stationary (6.30), STRETTON MOVICE HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE (6.376: 330), High Praspect, b S. by Artic Slave Scriptsony (1), Edwards, 7-12-5 (2), Stationary (7-2 ft feet), Samuel Will C. Samuel (7-2 ft feet), Samuel C. Vandalla, John C. Vandalla, Jones (7-2 ft feet), Mr. O. Vandalla, Jones (7-2 ft feet), 3 Speritherd ... Mr J. Bryan (9-2) favely mr O. Vangham Jones (7-2) favel J. ALSO RAN: 7-1 Escaled (90). Every respective for the special (91). 9-1 Brave Money (401). 12-1 Undershift. 16-1 Fjord (12). 50-1. 12-1 Undershift. 16-1 Fjord (12). 17-1 Undershift. 16-1 Fjord (12). 17-1 Undershift. 17-1 Undershift

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Rugby Union

Mighty mouse roars back into arena of contesting Lions

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent

There cannot be much doubt that, by his chunderous all-round performance against Wales, Mc-Lauchlan, the Scottish loose-head prop, has bounced back into contention for one of the problem places on the Lions tour of New Zealand, the party for which will be announced on Thursday. The " mighty mouse " was dropped from their side at the start of the championship, after winning 32 caps and leading them in 18 successive matches, and it was thought that his international days were done. He was 34 then. rising 35 (which age he reaches early next month), but the best props go soldiering on, and no one watching him at Murrayfeld last Saturday would think him

ready for the sere and vellow. If McLauchlan, who played in all eight internationals in New Zealand and South Africa in 1971 and 1974, is chosen for his third Lions tour, Orr. of Ireland, could be the other loose-head prop, and there would be no need to consider the selection of Corton, England's tight-head, for the alternative position. Carmichael, another illustrious Scot, who looked to be as effective as ever last Saturday must be challeng. last Saturday, must be challeng-ing Price, of Wales, and Burton, of England, for one of the tight-

ead places. Carmichael, who is 33, and the carmichael, who is ss, and me record Scottish cap-holder (49), would fancy another crack at the New Zealanders after his unhappy experience in 1971, when he and the Irishman, McLoughlin, were battered out of the tour—before the internationals started—in the match against Canterbury.

If McLauchian should go, and if the Lions selectors, deciding they want a forward as caprain, have any doubts about Utiley last-

this position is encouragingly strong. Bennett has done a fine job for Wales. Another Welshman, Quinnell, has all the right qualities. Whatever happens, it is at forward where the international series will be decided, and for that reason I think the captain should be one of the pack.

should be one of the pack.

Reports from Dublin indicate that Orr scrummaged as soundly as anyone has this season against the formidable Paparemborde, that Keane had an abrasively, strong game at lock, and that Slattery was back to his best form on a flank. Keane must thus be faucied to win one of the lock positions from Wheel and Beaumont. Slattery—if he can make himself available—would now be a first choice on a flank. This is first choice on a flank. This is a position for which Biggar, by his strong performance against Wales must remain in line, although the Welshmen. Evans and Cobner, could have the official

Morgan and Renwick were other Scots who advanced their claims last weekend. Renwick's swift penetrative running could also make him a candidate on the wing. Hignell, who ought to be one of the Lions full backs, has Cambridge examinations which apparently would keep him in England for the first few matches of the tour.

By way of a foomore to the championship, France achieved their second grand slam, not only without conceding a try, but by coming from behind in three of their matches. That might never have happend in the old days when they were less resilient and methodical, but as my colleague, Richard Streeton, suggested yesterday, more interesting and flamboyant—and truer to the gifts of nature.

The international board have their annual meeting in London on Taursday and Friday. Indications suggest that they may legislate for the differential penalty, in which case it may be introduced initially on an experimental back. initially on an experimental basis

Rugby League

New Murphy contract

each, will be offered a new threeveet contract when his present one ends in May. Murphy said yesterday: "I was told about the offer of a new contract yesterday and I'm over the moon about it. " I feel that I've the nucleus

Murphy is completing a year's contract at present. He joined Warrington in 1971 on a five-year



Stenmark goes for grand slalom

sec ahead of Klaus Heideger, of Austria. Stemmark, already assured of winning the World Cup, startled his thousands of supporters by almost losing belance halfway down the second run over the 1,100m course, which drops 355 metres. But in a split second he brought his skis together, righted himself, and sped to one of the fastest times of the run.

the leader

hoped to carry off the grand sla-lom title when the final World Cup events take place next week in Spain. Melting snow caused today's second run to be shor-tened by six gates,

Hayes overtakes It's back to Britain and Aird for Bugner

Jacksonville, Florida, March 20.

Mark Hayes birdied the final hole today for an even-par 72 and first place in the \$500,000 tournament players' championship at the difficult Sawgrast goir course here. Hayes, who collected \$50,000, finished with a 72-hole total 289, one over par. The boxin; future of Joe Bugner is under a cloud following his 12 rounds points defeat by Ron Lyle, at Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, on Sunday. The singgish British champion learned the hard way that there is no substitute for action when he came back from a layout of nearly two years in \$50,000, finished with a 72-hole total 289, one over par.

Mike McCullough, who was in the lead through the first three rounds, also birdied the last hole to finish second at 291. Bruce Devlin, of Australia, and Hale Irwin were each one over par on the first hole to the for third

Bugner, his face flushed and Bugner, his face flushed and scraped, stormed out of the dressing room after the bout and refused to talk to reporters, but he said later: "nothing went right. The way I had things planned, you know, just fell apart. Unfortunately he was better than I thought. Room was in very good condition," He said be would like to meet Lyle again. "but I would

have to have a different strategy next time."

But, as far as the world scene is concerned Bugoer has slipped several places, and it will be a hard climb back. He could next Foreman but it will not mean year much Bugoer can still seen very much, Bugner can still earn a substantial living in British and Europe, and a British thie defence against Billy Aird, of Liverpool, addenly looks a possibility.

His last serious contest was or His last serious confest was on July 1, 1975, when he lost to Muhammad All over 15 rounds in Kuela Lumpur. He came out of temporary retirement last October to box Richard Dunn, and it lasted less than one round. With such a skelthy background, to have risked his world number four restrict turned out to be the wrong.

Cricket

Pakistan bat to avoid an innings defeat

Georgetown, Guyana, March 21.

—Pakistan face a daunting task to save the third Test match here and prevent West Indies from taking a 2-0 lead in the five-match series. When they resume their second innings tomorrow after today's rest day they will need a further 141 runs to save an innings defeat and a good many more than that to have much hope of forcing

Over the first three days West Indies established a dominant position, dismissing Pakistan for 194 and then producing some typically flamboyant batting to score 448 runs in reply. When stumps were drawn Pakistan had made 113 without loss in their second dispines although opener. second innings although opener Sediq Mohammad has retired burt having been hit in the face by a Roberts bouncer. For West Indies Irvine Shillingford hit 120 in his

second Test.
On paper Pakistan can make the 500 runs they need to keep the match alive, but so far their batternen have not lived up to their reputations. All of them have made runs but, apart from openers reputations. All of them have made runs but, apart from openers Majid Khan and Sadig, they have been woefully inconsistent.

The West Indies batamen, on the other hand have been making big scores and in the first innings here, in which only two of their frontline players failed, they came close to realizing their full potential. But for the injury to captain clive Lloyd, who pulled a bamstring muscle in his left thigh while batting on the first day,

they must surely have topped the 500 mark and probably put the result beyond any doubt. Majid Khan's four for 45 in West Indies first innings was his best Test bowling performace.

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to resume his ittnings tomorrow when either Majid, his opening parmer, or Zaheer Abbas is out. A lot depends on these three because

lot depends on these three because behind them come the men who have so far let Pakistan down—Haroon Rashid, Mushtaq Mohainmad and Asif lqbal.

Haroon is suspect under pressure, Mushtaq is badly out of form and Asif has failed to repeat performances which left him at the top of the batting averages at the end of the tour of Australia. WEST INDIES: First Imminus, 448 (C. G. Greenidge 91, I. V. A. Elcharde 80, A. Kallichartar 72, I. Shullingford 120; Majid Khan 4 for 45).

PAKISTAN: First Innings, 194, Second Innings

Ryder in hospital

. Melbourne, March 21.—Jack Ryder, aged 87, Australia's old-est living Test cricketer and a former captain, was in hospital today after suffering a mild heart

Lancashire acquire W Indies fast bowler

the services of the latest West Indies fast bowling discovery, Colin Croft, of Guyana, who was 24 on March 15. Croft has been favoured by West Indies to Michael Holding in the current series of Tests against Pakistan, and burst into world prominence by taking eight for 29 in the second Test during Pakistan's first innings.

The negotiations were completed by Lancashire's West Indies captain, Clive Lloyd, also of Guyana. Lancashire sent Croft a written offer for a two years contract, and Croft telephoned his acceptance vesterdav.

yesterday.

Lancashire's secretary, Jimmy James, said, "We are delighted because we need a bowler of real pace, and we were interested in Croft even before his Test success. He will be able to play championship cricket this season under the rule limiting overseas players to two per county."

Croft will come to England with

Croft will come to England with Lloyd towards the end of April when the series with Pakistan is over. A bowler of genuine pace, he is able to move the ball either way, and seems well suited to English conditions.

English not at strongest till 1979

If Alastair Hutton, who was 14th, had been running for a combined Great Britain national team instead of Scotland in last Sunday's international cross-Sunday's international cross-country championships in Dussel-dorf, Britain would have won the IAAF title by 26 points. But the tradition of the home countries competing as themselves meant that England finished a narrow second to Belgium, Scotland were seventh, and Wales eighteanth out of 20 nations.

Despite having a long history in the more restricted form, the international championships have only spread their wings since 1973, when the IAAF took over their organization, and the standard has risen quits considerably. Yet because of the time of year, it always seems likely to be dependent upon the summer calendar, and with no major track cham-pionships to worry about this year, a few more stars were prepared to shed their normal winter shyness. The England side

won it in 1976.

Yet they were still not the greatest potential English side. Next year the seven-man scoring team could theoretically consist of Bernard Ford (fifth on Sanday), Tony Simmons (eighth), and David Elack (ninth), plus the national champion, Brendan Foster, who was unavailable last weekend because of a recent addition to the family, the former international cross-country champion, Ian Stewart, who has hinted that he might prefer to race for England rather than Scotland, England rather than Scotland, Steven Ovett, the former English national junior cross-country champion, who was fifth in the Montreal Olympic 800 metres final and second in this year's counties

cross-county championship, and David Bedford, the world 10,000 metres record holder. Those seven, all with Olympic track experience and an assort-ment of medals between them, could surely beat any national item in the world next year. But a far more likely outcome is that no more than three of those athletes will take part in the championships at Bellahouston Park, Glasgow, on March 25 next

With the Commonwealth Games and European championships taking place that summer, the priority next winter will be on training, and the reticence to racu seriously that early will be obvious—and not only among British athletes.

British athletes.

In 1979 the cross-country event (which, although calling itself proudly "the international team championships", seems surprisingly reluctant to travel, despite regular participation from countries like the United States and New Zealand) moves to Limerick, and perhaps England will be able to field their potential full strength team then. tial full strength team then.

Perhaps also by then more of the 133 invited countries than were present in Düsseldorf will be taking part, decreasing the standard of racing still further. But the biggest drawback to its development is that it is a team

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the triangle of beams to land precisely on a triangle of dots is known as convergence and, for a perfect picture, this has to be done across the whole screen, twenty-five times a second. To achieve this, many extra electronic components are needed and up to eighteen complex convergence adjustments have to be made before a set leaves the factory.

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Bernard Levin

Let us get one thing clear, this craven Labour Government has to go

Much has been written about the very existence of an what is going to happen in the House of Commons tomorrow night; David Wood yesterday discussed what had happened so far; my business, however.

So reliber grouphers no history positive harm if it could is neither prophecy nor history, but the thrusting of unsolicited advice on anyone who keeps still long enough to have it thrust, and I shall therefore now address myself to the question of what should happen. What should happen is that the Government should be defeated.

There are, of course, serious arguments to be faced even by those who wish this Government ill, think that it has brought the country low and will yet bring it lower, and would be glad to see it replaced by another. To start with, an incoming Conservative Chancellor would have to produce even a delayed Budget with undesirable haste, and before he got down to doing so a good deal of time and even more thought would have to be given by Mrs Thatcher to the question of his identity, since her choice for that post, above all, would indicate, and to a considerable extent determine, the kind of policies she intends to follow-

Then again, it can be argued that the counter-inflationary policy (is there no sponge of fact or failure big enough and soany enough to wipe the satisfied, ambitious smirk from the face of Mr Hattersley?), though it came too late and consists of too little, is now being pursued seriously by at any rate most of the Cabinet, and that this is no time to take the whole argument, including

and prices policy, back to first principles. And in addition to principles. And in addition to that, there is a case for regarding the present situation—a Government which would do positive harm if it could but is precluded from doing so by the lack of a parliamentary majority—as the best available, better even than a Conservative government according good ernment actually doing good. There is even, as a makeweight, the long-term argument that a defeat now would bring the left much closer to control of the Labour Party, and thus bring the country more deeply into the danger that such a Labour

Party might sooner or later come to power by default. These arguments are not to be ignored. But they are not to be accepted, either. The country has got to be given the oppor-tunity of pronouncing not on this or that policy or proposal, this or that ministerial failure or success, this or that broken promise or fulfilled pledge, this or that governmental truth or falsehood, but upon a question that goes to the heart of Britain's political and economic future—indeed, of Britain's future without the qualification even of such all-encompassing adjectives as those. We have to decide whether a Government which has lost its collective political nerve, led by a Prime Minister notorious for never having had any to start with, is to be allowed to continue in office without anything at all in its members' minds, their hopes or their plans other than their reluctance to relinquish it, when, by every kind of test or measurement

that can be applied, they have can be kept secret, of course), lost the confidence, trust and which contrasts so uncharmthat can be applied, they have lost the confidence, trust and even respect of the country, and have gone desperately and dangerously far towards depriving not just themselves but parliamentary democracy itself of those vital responses.

Beside that question, many others that at a different time would figure prominently cease to be worth discussing. Mr Healey's assertion, during the last election, that the inflation-

others that at a corrected time would figure prominently cease to be worth discussing. Mr Healey's assertion, during the last election, that the inflation-rate was exactly half what it was, can wait, at any rate until he starts repeating it (it is sufficient comment on his financial stayardship that if there is cial stewardship that if there is now a general election and he wants to go about presenting the same fraudulent claim as he the same transition claim as he did last time it will be necessary for him to divide the truth by three, not two); likewise, we need not dwell upon Mr Callaghan's frantic scurrying for support from the Liberals, from the Ulster Unionists, from the March and the second to the time. anyone who can give it to him at any price (provided the price

There is a footnote, and a the attempt. It seems that the family had applied for per-nussion to leave the country legally. It had been refused; the husband had been dismissed terrible one, to the aiready sufficiently terrible story I recounted last week of the East German jumily who tried to from his job. with no chance of getting another; and the two escape to freedom from that outpost of Sovict imperialism. girls were to be taken away The mother and son set off into the Baltic in one rubber dingle, and put in a state institution, in an act of further vengeance the jather and two daughters in another. The two reached on their purents and them. It is not for us to say that the children and their jather might in another. The two reacness is an another. The two reacness is an another. The two reacness is another and their jather magnet what I did not know when I have preferred drowning in wrote, but have since dissecret, of freedom to staying covered, was what it was that silve in slavery; nor is it for the simulation impelled them to make us to say that they might not.

Stechford by-election.

Those items from the record become mere foomores. What is more remarkable is that the choice facing the country reduces even the gigantic fullures and errors of policy to something not much more significant. This Government has managed, for instance, to wipe our rented housing almost out rented housing almost entirely; to combine inflation and unemployment at levels that are almost without precedent separately and entirely so together; to institute a further programme of nationalization (and to promise even more) unwanted by anyone in the country ourside a minority; to optimize the property of a minority of a minority of a minority of a minority. publicly admiring members (no doubt if there is an immediate election Mr Callaghan will be fixing his own coordinat-ing strategy with Mr Powell); nor by such rancid mouth-fuls as the cushy biller at extinguish the right of Britain's citizens to refuse to be forced into a trade union against their will, and to give those who wish to force them every right Cable and Wireless found for Lord Glenamara of Glenridding (" Pless thee, Bottom! bless thee! Thou art translated!");
nor the degrading spectacle of
last week's rigged non-rote in
the House of Commons; nor
the careful matching of the wish to force them every right short of physical violence to enable them to do so; to get through the House of Commons (though not the House of Lords) a Docks Bill that was opposed by almost exactly six-sevenths of the Cabinet and by a far greater proportion of the country; to raise ravarion and foreign borrow-Stachford by election to the Budget, and the Budget to the taxation and foreign borrowing to heights not previously scaled by any government of any stripe; to pour into the ever-open mouth of such catastrophes as British Leyland uncountable sums of our money, and to present as a notable triumph a strike settlement the only result of which will be to enable the

Government to pour and waste

even more; and to do all this, and many more similar things, without deviating for a moment or by an inch from the public

and clamorous assertion that all is well. If you want a bitter and symbolic example of that last claim, attend to Mr Callaghan's comment on the unfavourable comment on the unfavourable picture of Britain he found in the American press on his recent visit. The picture was false, he squealed, presented by London correspondents who spent their time in bars. That is the man whose victory in the Labour Party leadership election and appointment as Prime tion, and appointment as Prime Minister, was greeted with such relief and hope by millions who, whatever their view of Mr Callaghan, could and did at least comfort themselves with the reflection that he wasn't Harold Wilson: and it turns out

Deceit; incompetence; shabby excuses; that is the record. And yet, as I say, that record is not the chief ground for my hope that the Government will fall at 10 o'clock tomorrow night, nor my conviction that justice demands that it should. Are there really not five Labour MPs—nor four, nor three, nor two—who will "speak for England" and help to turn out an administration that they know has failed so signally? I suppose not.) Nor is it any great surge of excite-ment at the prospect of a Conment at the prospect of a Con-servative government under Mrs Thatcher, though I think she is very likely to prove worthy of public confidence. What finally decides the question for me goes deeper than any such considerations: and what I find when I go thus deeper, I shall explain to-

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Mr Carter, going all out for a better arms deal with Moscow

The Vladivostock accord or strategic arms limitation, agreed by President Ford and Mr Brezhnev in 1974 was criticized at the time for not being ambitious enough. It had, said Dr Kissinger grandly, put a cap on the arms race. The more sceptical felt that with each sceptical felt that with each superpower allowed as many as 2,400 incontinental bombers and missiles—up to 1,320 of which could be fitted with multiple independent warheads (Mirv), the cap allowed rather too much room for growth. Now, however, Mr Vance is preparing to stomp off to Moscow, and if he and the muchmaligned Mr Warnke can transform the remative guidelines of form the tentative guidelines of Vladivostock into a new, per-manent Salt-2 agreement this year, it will be generally ack-nowiedged that they have thone rather well. Thus far have the sights been lowered and the horizons foreshortened.

Attempts to codify the Ford-Brezhnev totals have so far been frustrated by the failure of the superpowers to agree which missiles and bombers they should include. The most con-spicuous obstacles have been spaceous obstacles have been the American long-range Cruise missile and the Russian Back-fire bomber—which could reach the United States on a round trip only if refuelled in midflight. President Carter's policy is to work for a swift, simple Salt-2 part based on the Vladivostock framework, leaving these and other complications these and other complications to be sorted out thereafter. The interim Salt-1 agreement on offensive missiles is due to expire in October and Mr Carter is anxious to replace it with something more permanent before the time runs out.

He has also proposed a com-prehensive ban on nuclear tests, orior notification of all missile launchings and an agreement launchings and an agreement not to arm orbiting satellites or to shoot each other's satellites down—s reflection of American fears that the Russians are developing a capability to do inst that. The Corter Administration is in effect groping around for some point of contact where the two sides could do business.

A ban on nuclear tests?

This is a reasonably sensible approach, however much the Sait theologians may wink and Salt theologians may wink and nudge and look skywards in feigned dishelief over the man's ingenuousness. After eight years during which the Salt talks have gradually lost momentum, the political need for a new agreement is even greater than the technological necessity. There is one soes necessity. There is one snag, which is that the Russians never so far refused to let the Cruise missile be pushed to one side and have objected with some justice, to the American power of lumping it together with which is that the Russians have Backfire under the bland title of "grey areas." But State Department officials; now working overtime on the fine print Mr Vance's proposals are optimistic—if only for the quaint reason that all Washington seems to have enormous faith in their new political over-lords. (In fact, the Russians tend to regard new faces with not so much exitement as sus-

However successful Mr Carter might be in seeking his October treaty however, there is little ground for optimism after that. While the Ceneva talks have creaked along in first gear, technology in both countries has gone roaring ahead. In fact, the Sale negotiations have encouraged techno-legy rather than deterred it. but persuading either side to pile up bargaining chips-ready for bartering from position. strength over the green baise

Both superpowers have invested heavily in long-range missile submarines. The American Buckfire is matched, in a very general sense, by the American B-1, and now mobile land based missiles are threatening to add a new dimension, with the Russian intermediate range SS-20 and the American Intercontin-ental MX. President Carter has



President Carter: groping round for a point of contact where the two sides could do business

deferred some spending on the B-1 and the MX, in the hope that real progress at Salt may make at least one of these grossly expensive systems unnecessary. Progress after they have been deployed will catainly be more difficult than it is at this stage, which is an other than the stage of the stage of the stage. other good reason for action

How does one measure parity, particularly when the Soviet Union, partly for historic and party for practical reasons, emphasizes numbers and size in designing its nuclear arsenal, while the United States places its faith in its technological superiority? Congressional critics are already sharply divided over Russian capabilities let alone their intentions. With the technology of Salt growing more sophisticated on both sides, a credibility gap could develop to such an extent that the administration might find Congress more sceptical than the Kremlin.

All this makes it desirable for the Sair talks to rurn to qualitative restrictions, thus slowing the pace of weapons technology. This is an awesome task. The deployment of new missiles could be limited—so that the superpowers would not be able to also around with the be able to play around with the numerical limits they are allowed. (The Vladivostock reference to Mirved missiles is

a step in this direction.) How far the next session of Senate's grudging confirmation of Mr Warnke as negotiator-inchief, or by President Carter's stand on Russian dissidents, is open to question. Probably they will be little harmed. Mr Warnke must be aware of the need to remain immune to such pressures, and the Russians are unlikely to allow a letter to Mr Sakharov stand in their way if they want a Salt agreementjust as they are unlikely to be seduced by fine words and kind deeds if they do not.

Britain has a particular reason for being interested in the progress of the Soviet-American discussions over Cruise missiles. Armed with an obsolescent Polaris system which will be in need of plastic padding and sticky tape by the end of the next decade, Britain will have to decade, britain will have to decide in about 1980 whether she wants a strategic weapon to replace it and if so which one? long-range Cruise missile could seem an attractive, relatively in-expensive alternative if the Americans felt able and willing to barter technology. But this is likely to be the least pressing of Mr Carter's considerations.

Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

Who is behind this new wave of student violence in Italy?

The communists are still deeply shocked by the sudden eruption of violence among students ; high this time is aimed in purticular against the Communist Party itself. It is as if the bay. Party itself. It is as if the baying dogs leading the hunt sud-denly forgor their function and turned round to bound the red-coute riders of left-wing ortho-damy tracting imperiously damy trotting behind them.

The student extremists struck first in the two places likely to cause the party most harm. The opening of this new campaign of violence—the first by students for nearly a decade— was at Rome University. The Lading communist in the trade movement, Luciano Lama, was beckled and interrupted when he went to re-establish the old alliance between the student movement and the unions: he was forced to leave by a secondary exit and one of his first reported remarks was that what we had witnessed was the first act of ... new fascism ".

His discomfiture was followed by disorders in Bologna, the moral capital of Italian communism, the city with the reputation of being the bestadministered in the country and much less plagued than other cities by problems of law and

The mayor, Signor Renato Cangheri, immediately detected to organizing hand behind the oubles. They were a response, c said to the fact that the mmunists were coming closer o entering government : the object was to prove that they were incapable of governing. And on the following day, Rome ers again the target with hours of fighting in the streets.

The violence is certainly connacted with the emergence of he communists as a govern-mental parry. Their abstentions in Parliament and their close callaboration with the minority Christian Democrat administra-tion is crucial to the Govern-ment's survival. Shouts of "ser-tants!" from students at the rut of communists expresses

the communists seek to provoke them so that the police can be brought into use ogainst them. And the communists at first police and expression of the love the communists had always felt for them (when a few years ago the party openly regarded the police as the blunt instrument davised largely for use by the regime against anything looking a little red).

Politics apart, the students now have so great an accumulation of grievances that their comparative quiet since the great rebellion of 1967 and 1968 is surprising in itself. The communists may argue that the new violence is unexpected and politically inspired by forces auxious to destroy the idea that Italy is governable only with the cooperation of the communists.

The demands of the students in 1968 were for reforms. A Reform Bill (which many students dislike) is still, after nine years, wending its way through Parliament. There are about a million students in Italy and about another million graduates who cannot find work. One Italian in 25 is thus a student (probably disaffected) or an unemployed exstudent (certainly disoffected).

Before the war, the universities could accommodate 60,000 students. Very little new building has been undertaken while the student population has so massively increased. Rome, with 170,000 students, must be the largest university in the world and certainly one of the most

chaotic.
A student pointed out during the disorders, as an example of what this lack of proper facilities means, that if the law faculty should be provided with the toilet arrangements necessary for the number of students curolled in it, the whole available space in the existing faculty buildings would have to he given over to toilets.

The communists now appear. from the point of view of many his feeling as does the assertion themselves with the conserva-from the student extremists that tive elements responsible for



this disastrous state of affairs. It is unfair on the party in the sense that the policy of cooperation with the government extremely difficult to explain to young people, especially as the attempt at a deflationary policy, on which the communists are cooperating, will effectively cut public spending and chances of employment.

Violence is in a sense the It sweeps aside both constructive and dilatory policies because it is mindless and indiscriminate. Both these don-gers have been pointed out repeatedly by the secretary of the Communist Party. Signor Enrico Berlinguer, who sees both economic disaster and violence as helpful only to the extreme right: and he has attempted to put young people -hefore this new outbreakon their guard against extrem-

His sense of urgency is provided by a series of spectres he has in his mind. The first is his realization that Italy's condition is much more serious than he thought it was last June when, after the general election, he agreed to help the Christian Democrats.

This is particularly true of the economic situation but it is now clear that his pragmatism is costing him far more than he expected in the strain he has had to place on his rank and file and, now, the serious signs of disaffection of young people. He regards fealy's situation as part of capitalism's crisis but und this in a sense is the

heart of the problem of the International Monetary Fund's conditions for granting credits
-Signor Berlinguer points out, to young people among others, that the collapse of western capitalism is worse than useless if it only brings in its train the collapse of the civilization

He does not understand why anyone could disagree with his anythe conto unsages with his view of an impending danger of a new age of barbarism. This is why the violence, and its specifically anti-communist (even if left-wing) character is so disturbing to him.

This element also differentiates what is happening now from the students riots in 1968. Then, the protest was against the artitude of the consumer oriety as well as the lack of lecture-rooms while, at the same time, the rebellion had a strung vein of Catholic dissent. It is no coincidence that the 1968 revolt began in the most Catholic areas of Italy, in Trento in Venice as well as at the Catholic University of

This time, the violence is unlier and at the same time is aimed at destroying what for

·the communists are that for the communists are basic articles of faith in their advance along the "unexplored roads" which are supposed to lead to a better society; the alliance between students and workers scaled in 1968 and repudiated in Rome University when Signor Lama was refused a hearing: most fundamental of all, the right of the Communist Party, massive in its ciplined, responsible, unchal-lenged voice of the left in Italy, the "deus ex Macchina" which would put right the

That essentially is why the attack of the pack of hounds on the red-coated riders on much upset them, because it changes the prey and endangers the significance of the hunt

Peter Nichols

hassy, pointing out that mur-ism is his country's third largead tomorrow we have est industry. It hit rock bottom in 1972 with only 750,000 visitphysiotherapy in ors from the United Kingdom Last year the figure climbed the Commonse back to 785,000, but there are two things which would do lrish tourism more good than any amount of advertising: the legalization of poteen and the introduction of duty-free allowances for British travellers. Fitzpatrick held out little hope of either in the near future. William McGonagall, Britain's greatest bad poct, may soon be immortalized in Dundee, his home for most of his life. To of his first "poem", the city's Junior Chamber of Commerce plans to launch a public appeal to pay for a statue of the bard. McGonagall himself described how he first burst into verse: "In the bright and balmy month of June, 1877", he discovered that he was a poet. Divine inspiration was so strong Mari

The vexed question of "imply" and "infer" has aroused more interest among my readers than anything since, my series on galoshes. I thought I had scored a complete victory last week

he imagined a pen in his right

Internal

the two words are inter-changeable. But now readers have mustered to the opposing cause the combined weight of Powler, Gowers, Webster, Peter Quennell and even the OED Supplement The combined weight of Powler, ment. The only way I can come close to winning this vote is to do a deal with the minor parties (the Concise and Shorter Oxfords), but I think I shall follow the example of my Government and simply decline to send my troops into the to send my troops into the lobby at all.

Now, I suppose, some of my tetchiest readers (like the one who complained of my "tone of voice" and the other who quoted at me an old Finnish proverb: "Stuck pigs squeal loudest") will insist on pressing a mariane for confidence. ing a motion of no confidence.
Too late, because my administration has already declared its intention of throwing in the towel (sponge?) in May.

My reference to Lime Grove studios in my article on Grace Wyndham Goldie last week has inspired Sir Michael Balcon to inspired Sir Michael Balcon to tell me that when he was last there a part of the building was still referred to as "the Polish corridor" This, he says, dates from the time when it was the Gaumont British film studio and he and his brother occupied opposite offices. It was called the Polish corridor because the

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Kahn the prophet takes us to task

probably before, people who purport to peer into the future have been in great demand and held in high honour. Everyone wants to know what is going to happen. The fact that they can never be told with certainty, that any prediction contains a preponderance of guesswork, serves only to whet the appo-

serves only to whet the appo-tite for prophecy and to rein-force the mystical aura that surrounds the prophets. So it is with Herman Kahn, who differs from the prophets of the aucient world only in the sophisticated paraphernalia and jurgon which he employs. Yesterday, descending from his temple at the Hudson Institute in New York State, he was in London to convey his latest message to some 200 serious businessmen who had paid £60 a hand to sit at his feet for the

day. His visit to this country has been celebrated in a manner appropriate to one who has so denoted a following - radio interviews and a profile in The Times vesterday. He looks the par too-rotund and bearded. We ranid, unclear mode of sweeth which makes a proportion of his wisdom unintellig- to Heathrow Airport. Then his slovenliness", he complained.

Since the Delphic oracles and ible, is also appropriate, for speaking in tongues has long been a trick of mystics. Many that much even of what they could make out, especially the quick-fire American jokes, was beyond their understanding. Kahn's most popular current

prophecy is that the world will continue to grow and to pros-per, despite the gloomy predicper, despite the gloomy predictions of the eco-doomsters that we are running out of resources. He has a 50-50 chance of being right—either we shall survive or we shall not—but the roal beauty of his prediction lies in the fact that if it is provided ways it will not but is proved wrong it will not by then matter: it will be too late for his reputation to be

He calls it his "post industrial" position, as against the "neo-Malthusian" philosophy of the anti-growth people. Like a revivalist preacher, he began by asking his listeners to declare their faith. Only 12 dared confess to being neo-Malthusians.

I last met Kahn some four the time came to break for years ago, when I interviewed him on the back seat of a large that half an hour had been limousine as he was on his way

institute had just written a report on France saving that it was the European nation of the future. as compared with Britain, which was in a dread-ful mess. A year later a further report, this time about Britain, ame to the same conclusion,

and vesterday it was apparent that his view is unchanged.

"This was", he said, "a great country once." Once we recognized that a life of dignity and comfort was not something to which people were neces-surily entitled. But "the capacity of the British to be smug about approaching disaster five years ago was unequalled anywhere in the world."

Like many prophets, he was stern about personal standards of behaviour, particularly attire. Here again, the British came badly out of a comparison with the Japanese and Korcans. whose businessmen are careful to dress in dark suits, with no excess of colour.

In these countries, a rigid line was drawn between busi-ness and private life. "That is characteristic of fast growth", he asserted. "You can't have fast growth without sacrifice." (Most of the audience were in (Most of the audience were in attire of the kind he approved. The few in brown suits I took to be civil servants or journalists.)

He gave us no respite. \ 'hen' allowed for the break, " English

"I'll adjust myself to it, appalled though I am."

The title of the conference was "The Next Ten Years—
Images of the Future" and Kahn was sharing the plotform with a home-grown soothsayer, scheduled to speak in the after-mon. Powell turned up in the morning, dressed like a Japanese businessman and explaining that he was at present pre-occupied with short-term political events over the rext three

days, rather than the next ten Kahn said that he had heard Powell described as an English George Wallace, but educated, intelligent and a word which sounded like, but could not have been, deranged. Powell enjoyed the joke, and proceeded to deliver a spirited talk, wav-ing his arms at times of great-

est excitement He agreed with much of what Kahn said and wrote, although he found it too optimistic. "Being an American, he can't help taking a favourable view of the Creator and of human creation. He underestimates original sin." Powell used the occasion to

ride some of his favourite hobby-horses—public expenditure as the cause of inflation: the mythology of the balance of payments; the death of Keynes. He was encouraged by the refusal of the House of Commons to cede some of its power to Welsh and Scottish

Perhaps fortunately, Powell had not heard Kahn's earlier strictures about our slovenliness, and he concluded his look at the next ten years thus:
"We are going to become more like ourselves again. We are going through a period of reversion to type. As if to prove that point, the chairman of the meeting announced that, since the morning session had over-run by 25 minutes, the afternoon session would start that much later, to avoid shortening the 90-minute lunch break. Kahn smiled wryly.

Our national indolence is well illustrated by a job advertise-ment in The Times last week, in which the duties of an advertised position included "attending quarterly meetings

Fighting back

The tourist industry of the Irish Republic, which has suffered in recent years because of the troubles in the north, is fighting hard to regain lost ground. The state tourist board has had its budget for the year increased by 16 per cent, and yesterday 100 Irish travel agents and boteliers arrived in Britain for a two-week tour, at their own expense, to spread the word about Irish holidays. Tom Fitzpatrick, the Repub-lic's minister of transport power and tourism, gave a press conference at the Irish Em-

he imagined a pen in his right hand and a voice crying "Write! Write!" And write he did—hundreds of verses, with rhymes of the most stupefying awfulness. The only memorial in Dundec to the self-styled "poet and tragedian" is a seal, in the shadow of the statue of Robert Burns, McGonagall en-Robert Burns. McGonagall en-thusiasts want their man to Oxford English Dictionary in have his own place in the sun. support of my contention that

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gency in India to save the opposition parties and to give it instead firm discipline and stable government. She indignantly repudiated the charge that the maintenance of her own rule and her own leadership of the Congress Party was as strong a motive. Wherever the truth lay between national and personal ends, the first and most definite answer given by the election result is to Mrs Gandhi's future. Her rule, her leadership and her emergency have been rejected; her overwhelming defeat in her own constituency underlines the undeniable catastrophe:

This should end her eleven years in office as India's Prime finister. It will be seen in India, urely, to end more than that. Save for Mr Lal Bahadur Shastri's brief intrusion, it will he seen as the end of a Nehru family dynasty that has ruled India for the thirty years since independence. The dynasty threatened to continue, as an outcome of the emergency, with the rise to power—while not holding any party or national political office—of Mr Sanjay Gandhi.

As his mother's close personal idviser his political activity led lirectly to disaffection among Congress leadership. His wash handling of such policies s family planning and slum learance sparked angry denun-iations. When the election ampaign began his performance vas quickly found to be a liability and his privately drawn up list of young candidates to replace old Congress stalwarts was hurriedly scrapped. The old members were reinstated and may have suffered at the polls thereby. Mr Sanjay Gandhi, too, was overwhelmingly defeated by the electors of Uttar Pradesh.

Mrs Gandhi declared an emer- Although she has deferred until illiterate peasants. Normally not today her decision to resign, it many more than half the electorcountry from chaos fomented by seems certain that Mrs Gandhi's ate votes. The Congress vote has political career is at an end and with it there ends the dynasty, one that served India well in its day, albeit ringed with autocracy and a certain aristocratic disdain for the common man. It is a dynasty that India may feel was due to end.

That conclusion would be coupled with the other obvious answer in this election: the positive · preference democracy. The opposition offered a straight electoral choice, one between dictatorship with Mrs Gandhi and political freedom with them, and to that there has been a straight answer. India sees no reason why its parliamentary system should be altered, still less why political leaders should be arbitrarily detained or the press censored. India wants no censors and fewer

policemen.

The Japata coalition is relishing its probable victory. It is ahead of Congress and has a good prospect of an outright majority. But that does not end the importance of the Congress Party. It will remain the dominant party in India since no other with a national appeal is even in the making. It will thus be the most suitable machine for any aspirant to power. Unfortunately the election has thrown up no new leaders and has tarpished the reputation of some familiar ones. Nor has it marked any clear political trends: left and right are in any case misleading labels to use in India of any parties but those of the extreme left. Thus the balance of seats between Congress and the Janata Party is in doubt and

neither has a leader who can easily command national support. Indian elections make slow progress with so many millions of

The success of the united left

rarely gone above forty per cent of those voting. The interpretation of election results is further confused by the opportunism of elected members, many of whom are quite ready to desert their party and join the other side if office or some other attraction is strong enough. That process was going on during the campaign and may even continue today. The shape of any new govern ment is thus still in doubt. Unless Mrs Gandhi tries

desperately to hang on to the leadership (she can do so for six months while she seeks election in another constituency) Congress is left with Mr Chavan as its most prominent survivor. The Janata coalition is scarcely better off. Mr J. P. Narayan endows it with the necessary heritage of Mahatma Gandhi but he is old and seriously ill. Mr Morarji Desai may not be ill but he is over eighty. As for defectors from Congress, had it been asked which would fill the role of leader of a new India no one would have been less likely to be chosen than Mr Jagjivan

Ram. Parties, policies, leaders—all three are fluid. If there is a new Indian political outlook seeking expression there must be younger men to give it expression. That the election answers to some deep political feelings there can be no doubt. The result should ensure that emergency powers of the kind which have just been abandoned will not quickly mar or suspend India's political life and freedom again. In that sense it is an achievement. The task that now remains is to build a new government from the wreck of

the old. It may not be easy.

the Communists as a necessary

part of the Socialist-led opposi-

Barre, admits that the results

" mark an undeniable success of

the union of the left", who are

But it would be quite wrong to

suppose that M Barre has given

up hope of winning the general

election, or that he would be

right to do so. Many things can

happen in a year. If M Barre's

own economic plan succeeds in holding inflation below ten per

we to deny it?

to contend. election. It was generally presented by all parties as a dress rehearsal for the general election which is exactly a year away, and the turn-out was high. It is therefore very worrying for the government parties that the bogy of communism apparently failed to work. The majority of voters appear to have accepted tion, and are prepared to vote for lists headed by members of either party. It the Prime Minister himself, M Raymond

effective method of preserving our historic houses and their contents is

to come to the aid of their owners

who are fighting both inflation and

th. consequences of punitive taxation levels Unless the government make real concessions to owners of historic houses in return for public access, the break-up of private collections exemplified by the threat to Ment-more will continue and this country have lost most of its finest artistic heritage within a genera-

JOHN HANNAM, Chairman. Bow Group Arts Standing Commit-Vice-Chairman, Conservative Party Arts and Heritage Committee. DONALD ADAMSON, Secretary,

Bow Group Arts Standing Committee, 240 High Holborn, WCL March 17.

Mentmore

Sir, In 1880, Henry James wrote to his mother from Mentmore:

"They are at afternoon tea downstairs in a vast, gorgeous hall,
where an upper gallery looks down
like the colonnade in Paul
Veronese's pictures, and the chairs are all golden thrones, belonging to aucient Doges of Venice. I have retired from the glistering scene, to meditate by my bedroom fire on the fleeting character of earthly possessions. . . ." I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully. South Petherton,

From Mr Ian Smith Sir, Lords Jellicoe and Douglas of Barlock (March 16 and March 12) are on strong ground in condemning the proposal by the European Commission to impose a special levy on the production of high fructose glucose syrup. Technological advance in a new industry is likely to be rapid and of a cost-reducing nature. To deprive consumers of the benefits of technical progress in order to protect inefficient beet growers in Italy and Northern Germany is wholly to be deplored

No doubt the Commission's proposal is prompted by the spectre of an impending sugar mountain. The development of high fructose glucose syrup is bound to be disruptive, not least because it will displace sugar in markets where consumption is stagnant or even

the result of an unrealistic pricing policy which makes the growing of sugar beet more profitable for large farmers than the raising of alterna-tive crops. It could be eliminated by an appropriate change in the

ducer of maize, and barley could be extended in Northern Germany. Both would reduce the dependence of the Community on the importa-tion of soya bean meal as cattle

is not to lock up technical progress but to restore balance to the Com-mon Agricultural Policy. Land has alternative uses. Factory processing capacity is more specific, and here compensation should be paid to those forced to adjust to the new

If affluence confers choice, poverty eliminates choice. Many poor countries depend on sugar for a significant part of their export earnings. It would be highly regrettable the response of the European Community to the introduction of high fructose syrups is merely to dump more sugar on to the world market. This would be tantamount to shifting the burdens of adjust-

IAN SMITH.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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BBC reporting of Northern Ireland

From the Chairman of the BBC Sir, The BBC's reporting of Northern Ireland has often been under fire, and especially so in the last few weeks, following our television interview with a man who claimed to have been maltreated by the RUC. The argument has turned both on the general role of the BBC in reporting about the Province, and on the particular programme.

I cannot describe our general stance better than in the terms used in your leader of March 16. The BBC "sees the duty of public ser-vice broadcasting (in Northern ireland) as being to report and to reflect the conflict in all its manifesrations. It sees both communities as part of its constituency, and to preserve its credit with both, it must not become the partisan of

This general philosophy has been spek out in detail, with many illustrations drawn from experience, by our Controller in Northern Ireland, Mr Richard Francis, in a recent lecture at Charbam House. This stressed that we are not impartial as between democratic and undemocratic means—we do not give equal time to right and wrong, there never has been any question of

At their last meeting the Board of Governors, in whose name I am writing, looked afresh at the issues raised by their general policy, and at the criticisms made of the recent "Tonight" programme. They believe that the general philosophy. set out in the lecture by Mr Francis, is right, and the only tenable one for a free broadcasting organisation in a free country. On the other hand they recognised, as on so many occasions in the past, the difficulties that can arise in practice. However good the philosophy, it does not always indicate infallibly the right course of action in a difficult

Turning to the "Tonight" programme, the Governors were in no doubt about the scrupulous care with which the programme had been prepared. And they welcomed the sober and dignified introduction by Keith Kyle, setting out the appalling difficulties with which the RUC has

But they were in no doubt that it would have been wrong to suppress the material, believed to be true by many citizens of Enniskillen (and which the programme makers them-selves could find no reason, after meticulous enquiry, to disbelieve.)
They also recognised that the allegations, if true, would be deeply disturbing, even if Mr O'Comor were proved to be associated with the IRA; and they would be doubly disturbing if he were shown not to be involved (in this connection it should be remembered that he was in fact released before the statutory period with no charge against him).

The Governors considered whether it was necessary to have presented such a long interview, and whether it should have been "tougher". In general they thought that the credibility of the witness in such a situation was best estab-lished by a long interview, which gave opportunity for inconsistencies of evidence to emerge; and they MICHAEL SWANN, doubted whether a different style of _ Broadcasting House, W1. interview would have been more March 21.

likely to elicit the truth. Nevertheless, they accepted that there was room for argument, both about the length and the style of the interview.

The Governors also considered at length the question of the timing of the programme—the issue to which you drew attention at the end of your leader. They noted that police inquiries in such cases were liable to take many months, and that on past showing, there was little like-lihood of publication of the details of the ollegations or rebuttals, unless the matter eventually came to court, in which case the delays would be much longer still.

Delaying the broadcast by a few belaying the broadcast by a rew weeks might, they thought, have been justified. But the risk attached to any longer delay would have been the accusation of suppression from one of the constituent communities in Northern Ireland—and it is such a charge that leads directly to loss of trust and credibility.

Your readers must judge for themselves, as we had to do, what balance should be struck between the minority community's trust in the BBC's fairness to them, on the one hand (and it has to be remem-bered that Mr O'Connor's allegations were widely believed in his home town) and on the other hand the requirement of farmess to the police, which could only have been totally satisfied by waiting for the publication of the results of the publication of the results of the enquiry at a time not easily cal-culated, but certainly distant. The Board believes that the right decision in principle was taken, but acknowledges, once again, that there is room for argument about how principle should be applied.

Returning to the wider issues, it should be beyond doubt that the BBC's impartiality is not as be-tween right and wrong, but as between the two communities in Northern Ireland. It should be equally clear that the BBC has a responsibility to make available to the whole United Kingdom audience as complete and truthful a picture as it can of the state of affairs in Northern Ireland. It has to take account of what it may provoke in the Province or at West-minster; but equally this has to be weighed against fairness and honesty towards every side. The calculation is invariably difficult.

Nevertheless, the BBC welcomes the airing of these issues in public debate, and the Board of Governors has particularly appreciated the participation of the press in this latest phase of the argument.

So far we have seen no convincing indication of the practical alternatives that our critics would advocate; or of the arguments they would use to dispose of the obligations which you yourself have ascribed to us, and which we do our best to shoulder. If we are to be persuaded to recast our philosopby, we must, surely, he given a statement of both. We might still reject the alternatives, but at least we should know, as would the pub-lic, what in reality it is that we are being asked to do. Yours faithfully,

Preserving our heritage

From Mr John Hannam, MP for Exeter (Conservative), and Dr Donald Adamson

Sir, The Government's wish preserve our national heritage as expressed in their Wealth Tax Green Paper is difficult to reconcile with their handling of the threat to the Rosebery collection at Memmore. Long bureacratic delays and a serious lack of consultation with specialist bodies have made it less likely that the collection will be saved by help from any private

Whether or not the Mentmore collection can still be preserved at this late stage, urgent consideration should now be given to improving

1. It is clear that much of the delay has en caused by the inment departments with Mentmore. The national heritage must be made the responsibility of one minister

2. Recent ministerial statements

late the fiscal burdens on our great collections. Among other things the government should consider extending the concessions on endowment funds (Finance Act 1976, section 841. For the cheapest and most

From Mr Peter Allen

PETER ALLEN, 48 West Street, Somerset.

declining. The problem is how to minimize the disruption created by

structure of agricultural prices. Italy is a relatively efficient pro-

ment on to those weak developing countries which have no obvious alternatives to sugar and are least

University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Department of Economics, Newcastle upon Tyne, March 17.

Is this the time for an election?

From Mr J. E. Humphrey Sir, In your first leader of today (March 19), "Parliament's Choice", in which you say that an election this moment would need the justification of at least one of three specified conditions (which you proceed closely to argue), have you not overlooked the simple truth of the matter? For a political party (as for an individual) does there not come a time when, unless at last it stands up and fights against arrogant and contemptuous treatment, its self respect will go under? Yours faithfully,

J. E. HUMPHREY. 9 Offington Gardens, Worthing, March 19.

From Mr T. C. Skeffington-Lodge Sir, Reading, as it were, between the lines, I gather from your leader

the lines, I gather from your leader this morning (March 19) that you are not in favour of an early General Election. I think you accurately reflect public opinion in adopting this attitude.

While there is unquestionably pretty widespread disappointment that our economic difficulties still remain largely unsolved, and the Government of the day, not unnaturally, though, as I think, unfairly, gets the blame for this, there is a growing belief that despite its defects, it is the best available instrument for overcoming ble instrument for overcoming them.

them. Improving prospects have undoubtedly led an unconstructive and not by any means united Opposition to press for an early election which following a Tory victory would enable Mrs Thatcher, in the short run, to benefit from the good results of the unpoplar ground work Mr Callaghan and his colleagues are undertaking in the national interest—as they see it. What the are undertaking in the national in-terest—as they see it. What the electors would have to consider most carefully, if the Government is beaten next Wednesday, is whether a right wing Tory Adminis-tration could, after its election, command enough backing to win through to the success for the country which I for one believe lies ahead of its present direction. It is because I think that the current grave industrial and international problems we face would be harder to solve under an about-turn Thatcher Government, and that at home industrial strife would so greatly grow as probably to be in-soluble, even if dealt with by some form of dictatorial administration, that I hope, as do many others, that a "down to earth" and "facing the facts" Mr Callaghan will continue as Prime Minister, backed as he is by a team which is increasingly

proving itself the only one in existing circumstances likely to see us through to the better times which lie nearer shead of us than our all too many gloom prophets predict.

I am, Sir. Your obedient servant T. C. SKEFFINGTON-LODGE, 5 Powis Grove. Brighton. March 19.

From Mr Anthony Holland Sir, It is widely assumed that the Government will resign if defeated in the forthcoming debate. But will

they?
With their often repeated contempt for the rules and traditions of Parliament, I can envisage a situation by which they could be defeated on Wednesday by one vote and then hang on until the result of the Stechford by-election is known on Friday. On the assump-tion they hold this seat, they may then seek to reverse the vote—the following week with the automatic support of the Speaker's casting

Therefore, I hope that during the debate the Opposition will press for a categorical statement of the Government's intentions before the vote is taken.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY HOLLAND, Windlesham Manor. Windlesbam,

From Mr R. H. McCall

Sir, Not all will support the Prime Minister's description of the Oppo-sition as "a bunch of faded daffo-dils". Indeed some of us have our own biological names for most political parties. But would it not be wise for the Leader of the Opposition to ponder on Kipling's lines:
"This season's daffodil—she

never hears-What chill-what chance-cut down last year But with countenance divine and knowledge small

Esteems her continuance to be perpetual."

I do not for one moment believe that Mrs Thatcher lacks knowledge But "countenance divine"? Might she not catch a chill?

Indeed might we all quite easily catch a chill in an early election?
And all join Mr Whitelaw, Mr Maudling, etc. as "faded daffodils "l Yours faithfully,

ROBIN McCALL, The Hospice, St Giles Hill, Winchester

Cannabis law reform From Mr David Dimier

Sir, Ronald Butt (The Times, March 17), argues that eight years after the Wootton Report we should be "profoundly grateful" to Mr Callaghan for his blunt opposition to cannabis law reform, and whilst "it cannot be proved categorically "that his decision was responsible

cannabis" there is supposed to be good analogical evidence for this in rorten fruits" borne by the 1967 Abortion Act and changes in the pornography laws. May we point out that the can-nabis laws have in fact had no appreciable deterrent effect. In 1968 the Wootton Committee guessed there might be between

guessed there might be between 30,000 and 300,000 people who had tried cannabis at least once. Five years later a BBC survey estimated that the figure was 3,812,700. Whatever the real number is, it is clear that use of cannabis is no longer restricted to any particular class, race or age group, and that it has indeed become a "funtional equivalent" of alcohol for a large number of people regardless of the number of people regardless of the law's "moral" posture. The real effect of the law has

been the criminalization and con-

sequent embitterment of those people, mainly young, unemployed, inner city dwellers, against whom the law is selectively enforced. Arbitrary justice is the most harm-ful consequence attendant on the

use of cannabis.

The appalling lack of responsibility which characterizes much press reportage on the subject of cannable is perfectly illustrated by DUDIICETION IN INC such erroneous propositions as "There is now knowledge that did not exist with certainty in 1969 that cannabis is addictive, and creates physical dependence and withdrawal symptoms", based upon a report from a book not yet publicly released and subjected to scientific criticism.

Our cannabis laws are now among the most repressive in the "civilized" world. Prohibition is a singularly ineffective tool for controlling popular and harmless pursuits. The open wound which the "drug problem" has been to society at large would dry up and head if the blunt instrument of the criminal law were withdrawn from criminal law were withdrawn from this area of private behaviour. Yours sincerely,

D. DIMLER. Research Officer, for Release.
1 Elgin Avenue, W9.

Seal culling From Mr J. K. Biller

Sir, A regular sign of spring in recent years has been the publication of photographs of baby harp seals on the ice off Newfoundland, and demonstrations against their being killed. May I, as a resident of Newfoundland, offer a few observations?

The opponents of the seal hunt stress two main points. First, that the harp seal is an endangered species and second, that the hunt is in some way morally reprehen-sible since it is for pelts rather than for meat. The first contention is debatable, since the quots established by the Canadian federa government is designed to ensure the survival of the species without its being so numerous as to damage the cod and other fisheries, but there is no doubt room for argument as to what that quota should

The second contention is, however, dubious in the extreme. Seals for their pelts, and one would have far more respect for the protesters were they equally concerned with the beaver or the fox. One can only the beaver or the fox. One can only J. K. HILLER, conclude that because the baby 12 Prince Albert Road, NW1.

harp is peculiarly appealing, and the method of killing apparently brutal—though surely no more so than trapping—it has attracted at the statement of the state ridiculously di amount of attention. disproportionate

The seal bunt is of economic importance to a fairly small percentage of Newfoundlanders these days, but it has a deep cultural impor-tance. Newfoundlanders have been hunting seals for nearly 200 years : the annual hunt marked the end of winter inactivity, becoming a necessary rite de passage for all young men, and part of the fabric of traditional island life.

The opposition of Newfoundian-ders to the conservationists does not derive from a desire to harry the seals to extinction, but from a wish to preserve the remnants of an important tradition which indicates that the outport Newfoundlanderhimself an endangered species-still exists. Were the protesters to campaign for the preservation of the increasingly rare cod as well as the seal, they might find the fisher men supporting them. But then, the cod does not whimper, and photographs badly.
Yours faithfully,

Exit the cream cracker

From Mrs Michael Devas Sir, This correspondence reminds me of the lady in Sussex who, not long after the Trade Descriptions Act was passed, went around her village indignantly showing the reply she had had from a well known firm of confectioners in answer to her complaint that there had been no cheese in one of their cheesecakes she had purchased.

The manufacturer's reply ran as follows: "Madam: there is no cheese in a cheesecake. Would you expect to find a fairy in a fairy cake, or a rock in a rock cake?" I beg to remain, Sir, Your obedient servan CATHERINE DEVAS Stamford House. Chipping Campden,

From Mr J. V. Matthews Sir, It is a great pity that the food manufacturers are opposing EEC draft regulations on the dairy con-

tent of ice cream. By doing so they not only are depriving the British consumer of an opportunity to taste the real thing, but they are probably depriving themselves of a greatly enlarged market as well. For once the British consumer

learns what real ice cream tastes like—as opposed to the vegetable oil sludge marketed under the name in this country—consumption might rise to the levels of other countries. How else would they explain the great success of the American ice cream shops recently opened in London?

Yours sincerely, J. V. MATTHEWS, Park View Road, Woldingham, Surrey.

From Mr Alan John Meadowcroft Sir. Cream crackers are now to be called simply "crackers"... after the Common Marker Commission. Yours sincerely, ALAN J. MEADOWCROFT, 49 Verney Road,

Royton, Oldham.



groping round Confidence where the two sides Soulid do business

A WARNING TO PRESIDENT GISCARD there are two mistakes to be avoided in analysing the results of the French muncipal elections. The first is to underestimate the uccess of the left. The second is to assume that that success

makes next year's parliamentary elections a foregone conclusion. The success of the left is very difficult to summarize statistically, because of the lack of clearly comparable statistics. France uses a two-ballot electoral system. This means that each election produces two sets of statistics, neither of which is-in itself a clear guide to the rela-

orposition. There are also difficulties about comparing the results of municipal elections (where the degree of politicization obviously varies very greatly from the big city to the small village) with those of cantonal elections where only half the electorate votes at a time, but in constituencies of roughly uniform size), and equally with clearly political elections like those of the National Assembly and the President of the Republic. The last municipal elections, in 1971, are not really comparable either. They happened shorely before the Socialist Party began its spectacular recovery under M Mitterrand's leadership, in many parts of France at that time the Socialists were allied in local government not with the Communists but with "moderates" and centrists. The votes of left

and right were thus far from being as clearly identifiable as

others, in the Cambridge Economic Policy Review a powerful, lucid and admirably explicit argument for a sharp change of

economic strategy. They favour

a massive budgetary stimulus to

the economy combined with general import controls for an

They are both exceptionally

talented applied economists of

what we have called the "new

Cambridge school ". Those who

disagree as completely as we do

with their prescriptions have a

duty to explain where we think

the fallacies lie in their argu-

The division of opinion

rests on profound questions of

economic theory and evidence,

not on any merely practical or

ephemeral judgments. We would

not rest, our disagreement on

the fact that both the Cambridge propositions are explicitly ruled

out by the terms of the Govern-

ment's "letter of intent" to the

International Monetary Fund."

Nor would we rely just on the

argument from the threat of

retaliation against trade restric-

which devaluation cannot do;

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indefinite period of years.

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has thus to be measured not only by the towns which it captured from the government's sup-porters, but also by the even more numerous ones where the Socialists remain in office in spite of having ejected their former centrist allies (most of whom have by now rallied to President Giscard d'Estaing) and made generous room on their lists for the Communists.

A further complication arises from the presence in many towns on the first ballot (the only one in which the whole electorate tive strengths of government and voted) of lists of "ecological" candidates, who gained quite significant percentages of the vote. In most cases they rejected any political label, but their propaganda had a distinctly leftwing tinge, and it appears that where called to make a choice between left and right on the second ballot most of their supporters opted for the former. In the towns where it was held this second ballot appears to have shown a swing from right to left since the 1974 presidential elec-tion of something like 5½ per cent. But perhaps more important is the psychological effect of the socialist-communist alliance sweeping into office in sleepy provincial towns in traditionally conservative parts of France. To produce a comparable effect in Britzin one would have to imagine Labour councils being simultaneously elected in, say,

Tunbridge Wells, Tiverton and Lingdudno. Nor would it be quite accurate to describe this as a mid-term

NEW CAMBRIDGE FALLACIES Mr Wynne Godley and Mr and thirdly, that the effective francis Cripps have set out in Monday's The Times and, with tive bargaining is an independent dently given absolute level of

or rate of increase in real earnings. If those three things were true, then the Godley-Cripps strategy would be highly plausible, international obligations spart. Our explanation of unemployment-inflation problem has been different, namely that it arises inevitably and predictably from the interaction of collective bargaining with "full employment" fiscal

and monetary policies.
In brief, collective bargaining is an exercise in monopoly supply and therefore necessarily implies a high equilibrium level of under-supply, in this case of unemployment. Incomes policies cannot for long change this consequence because they cannot at reasonable cost deal with the problem of changes in relative pay. Attempts to reduce unemployment below this equilibrium level, which may well be in the low millions, merely cause a temporary spurt of economic activity followed by a permanent increase in inflation.

tions in a world which stands On this view the problem would not be substantially differpoised on the brink of a general. and ruinous outbreak of proent if Britain were a closed tectionism in western Europe economy; and neither export-led expansion nor import controls will ease the dilemma, The To reach the Godley-Cripps evidence over the past twenty conclusions three general years of the progressive accelerapremises are necessary: first, tion from cycle to cycle, slowly that the main source of Britain's at first and then faster and secular proneness to rising unfaster, in Britain's inflation rate, employment and accelerating inflation is lack of competitivecombined with a rising average ness with overseas suppliers in level of unemployment, is precisely what this hypothesis would home and export markets; lead one to expect; and this is secondly, that import controls can do something about this

though in most cases less dramatically, in the other main western industrial countries where col-

voter that, whatever the virtues

of socialists and communists in

local government, to hand the

whole country and its economy

over to their management would involve an unacceptable degree

lective bargaining and "full employment" policies coexist. The second Cambridge proposition-that import controls work better than devaluations—has been vigorously contested by Professor John Williamson, Mr Maurice Scott and others in The Times and elsewhere. We find their rebuttals convincing; but even if they were not, the point would not be material since the problem is internal, not external,

as explained above. The third Cambridge proposition is clearly at odds with the view that collective bargaining is essentially an exercise in maximizing monopoly profit in the labour market, even if some allowance is made for trade union reluctance to price too many of their own members out of jobs in the rare cases where that consequence is directly and immediately visible. The idea that collective bargainers would settle for their preconceived X per cent rise in pay, if it yielded their preconceived Y per cent increase in real earnings, quite irrespec-tive of conditions in the labour market appears to fly in the face of both common sense and the historical evidence.

Economic theory and logic apart, the layman must ask himself whether it is really likely that an economy chronically afflicted by industrial inefficiency and by inflation will be resuscitated by sharp limitation of foreign competition and by massive doses of deficit spending financed from the printing corroborated by the fact that the presses. In this case too common same pattern is visible as well, sense is a sound guide.

ment, the government could recover much of its pressige. Its supporters could also improve their chances if they manage to patch up their internal quarrels.

cent this year without provoking a serious increase in unemployto which the contest between M. Chirac and M. d'Ornano in Paris has given so much unedifying publicity. There is still time to convince the French floating

the future response to such threats to the national heritage.

who would be advised by interested parties, from owners of historic houses to art historians and museum specialists.

have shown that the Land Fund no longer fulfils the aims of the original fund set up by Dr Hugh Dalton. If indeed it is now nothing more than a bookkeeping entry in the budget of the Department of the Environment, its whole effectiveness as a means of saving our processional harrisage has been under-

national heritage has been undermined. 3. Efforts must be made to allev-

EEC sugar policy

the new technology.

The Community's sugar surplus is

feed, an important factor in the The appropriate policy therefore

technology.

able to adapt to the new technology. Yours faithfully,

Gloucestershire.

Shopping/Philippa Toomey

Something special to hang on the wall

American Bicentennial or the resignation of Harold Wilson, but the fact that, at last, I learned bow to wallpaper. From Emergency Apart from a friend with a straight eye, which schemes. I had, who also lent me his paste table. The next thing is to choose your wallpaper.

The question of why people make one choice rather than another is a perpetual mystery to me. I have always preferred plain strong colours, and I have ended up with pale blue and brown shades in my bedroom, influenced partly by the fact that I was given a bed by another kind and parient friend, which had a dark brown bedhead, and partly because I fell in love with a wallpaper, dismayingly called "Tweet" (£3.09 a roll) in Sanderson's Chintz

This has a faintly Brighton Pavilion air of birds and trellises-two birds looking in opposite directions, which were hell to match. "Safari", another Chintz pattern, bad even bigger birds and flowers, a huge, gorgeous, romantic paper with four background colours, of which I liked the scarlet and the black best, if you could find a room to do the pattern justice, at £3.48 a roll, with matching fabric, at £4 a metre. Shown here is "Keppell" (why Keppell? one asks, hunting feverishly in the catalogue for Wilson and Betty) in four colourways, of which the prettiest is all blue shades, and

Last year the most important or wander through acres of thing in my life was not the furnishing fabric departments, unable to make the fatal choice, Colour Counsellors and their Black Boxes would be a help. This is a service run by Shirley The Reader's Digest Book of Liger and Virginia Stourton to How to Cope with Virtually Any bring the best and brightest to you in your own home. Each Nuclear Holocaust it didn't look of the eight boxes contains a all that simple. What you really selection of carpet, fabric, wallneed is a kind and patient coverings in one of eight colour

Colour Counsellors will call on you to offer advice, design a scheme, arrange for a full making up service, if you wish. If, on the other hand, your wish is to brood alone, on a Black Box, the rental charge is £10 a day (maximum period three days-if you can't make your mind up by then you never will) waived on orders of £50 or over. Some of the fabrics are specially designed by Shirley Liger, and I particularly liked two matching fabrics in bright green on natural, called Harlequin Green and Harlequin Trellis Green, £3.30 a metre, 50in wide. There are also some very pretty sheer fabrics, which need to be seen to be

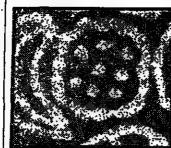
which need to be seen to be appreciated properly. Inquiries to Colour Counsellors at their showroom, 187 New Kings Road, London SW6 (01-736 8326).

Plunging down into the faintly ecclesiastic undercroft (it seems a more appropriate word than basement) of Watts and Co. led to a revelation and Co, led to a revelation. They are a leading Church furnisher, but also have a marvel-lous collection of Victorian designs for wallpaper and fabric, which are still printed by hand from the original carved pear wood blocks. Shown here is the Pugin you may have any colour you have always hesitated about wish. I loved the Pugin putting a very large design up Trellis in dark, soft red on a on my walls, but I was very placed to background, and the paper can be moiré or jaspé—
or even both, rather like dancing the walts and the rumba seen a very complicated bird, at the same time. Prices are trellis and butterfly design being revised (unwards, glas) shown to green advancage in a Pineapple, which I saw in dark yellow printed on pale yellow, to devastating effect.

The Pugin Rose and Coronet—sprigs of red roses, with green leaves, surmounted the one shown is in blues, pinks and beiges at £2.83 a roll.

For those who sit in front of pattern books for hours gazing hopelessly as a roce of the pattern books for hours gazing by a coronet, were delightfuily fresh and pretty, and both designs could go well in modern as well as Victorian rooms. The Sunflower design can be seen hopelessly at page after page, on the walls of Keats's House







Kaffe Fassert Designers Guild. Top to bottom: Pebbles, £6.50.

Lace Leaf, £7.50 per metre,

in Hampstead, and the Pine-

apple in the House of Com-mons. As everything is printed

being revised (upwards, slas) but they start at £13.45 a roll, plus VAT, with a minimum order of 10 rolls, from Messrs Watts and Co, Ltd, 7 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3QB (01-222 7169).



Osborne and Little's Foil paper, above, and from the Hanging Garden range,



complete contrast—everything is new, modern, bright, spark-ling, with numbers for the

papers rather than names. I

shown to great advantage in a

small country cottage. Shown here is 255A in the Hanging

Garden range, stylized red pop-

pies with green leaves on a

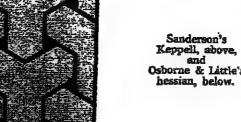
VAT a roll, printed hessian in

a strong, almost Islamic design, brown on cream, or navy blue on cream, £3.75 a metre plus VAT, 100cms wide (PH 200), and one of their silver foil designs, 104B, two shades of green for trellis and leaves, bright pink flowers on silver, £11 a roll plus VAT. They had a very exciting foil paper of silver and black tigers leaping out at you, but I thought, on the whole, it would be hard to find a room to suit them. Also

find a room to suit them. Also shown is one example of many

designs of frieze—gold on white, 60A, 25p plus VAT a yard. Friezes vary from 3in deep to 30in and would give a whole





dition which has begun to bore you. Inquiries from Osborne and Little, 304 King's Road, SW3 (01-352 1455).

"Are you quite happy looking round?" inquired one of the assistants at Designers Guild, just across the road from Osborne and Little. I most carrierly was—it is one of the Osborne and Little. I most cer-tainly was—it is one of the pretriest shops in London, full of design ideas and with a co-ordination of pattern and colour which gives great pleasure. Shown here are some of the designs for new fabrics from Kaffe Fasset for Tricka Guild, in four sets of subtle colourings —my favourite is in shades of greys, blues and browns. Prices my favourite is in shades of frames range through triple, greys, blues and browns. Prices double, standing or hanging,

range from £6.60 to £7.50 a metre for the fabrics, and there is coordinating wallpaper for all the designs at £4 a roll. Designers Guild fabrics may be

obtained at a number of places throughout the country, so inquiries to Designers Guild, 277 King's Road, London, SW3 SEN (01-351 1271).
Jane Galloway has come up with the charming idea of making small picture frames in fabric—and Designers Guild fabrics would be ideal for this. The smallest is 10 by 10cms, and it needs 0.20 of a metre of fabric, and costs 95p, and the

square or oval, up to the largest (an oval standing frame) which is 28 by 22cms, 0.35 of fabrica at £3.25. For price list and details send stamped addressed envelope to Jane Galloway. Damer Designs, Damers Green Milton Abbas, Dorset Dist. OBW (025 888 327).

My next problem is papering.

My next problem is papering a ceiling, which I am assured Is not only fiendishly difficult the blood runs out of your arms you fall off ladders into the paste bucket, you can't manager on your own, and it is the cause of many an irreperable rift be-tween kith and kin. Who loves



Osborne and Little's frieze,

above, and
Pugin's Pineapple below.





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ENSINGTON PALACE
March 21: The Duke of Glonlester, as Patron, today visited
work-sites of Buildog Manpower
Fervices, His Royal Highness was
received upon arrival by Sir Carl
Aarvold, Chairman, and Mr Willam Pearce, Chief Probation Offier for Inner London, and was
subsequently entertained to
Luncheon by the Directors.
Lienterani-Colonel Simon Bland
was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent is to be Patron for the National Army Museum in succession to the irre Duke of

The funeral of Viscount Cobham [will take place privately, for family, friends and tenants, at the Parish Church of St John the the Parish Church of Sr Joim the Baptist, Hagley, at noon on Thursday, March 24. A service of memorial and thanksgiving will be held in Worcester Cathedral on Wednesday, April 6, at 2.30 pm. Presentation of the Garter Banner in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castie, will take place at a date to be announced later.

Mr and Mrs John Kirwan-Taylor very much regret they were unable to attend the memorial service for Sir Brian Mountain owing to absence abroad.

Royai engagements

Royal engagements
The following engagements for April have been announced by Buckingham Palace:
7: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will be present at Manudy Service in Westminster Abbey. The Queen distributes Royal Maundy during the service.
15: The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the British Amateur Athletic Board, receives members of European Amateur Athletic Board, receives members of European Amateur Athletic Board, Score Guerds, Buckingham Palace Board, Windsor Castle.
20: The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, presents new Colours to 1st Battalion. Scots Guards, Buckingham Palace garden, The Queen plants a tree in Hyde Park. The Duke of Edinburgh, as president, presides at annual meeting of Royal Yachting Association, Tara Hotel, Kensington.

ton.

25: The Prince of Wales, chairman, the Queen's Silver Jubiles Appeal, visits Kent. The Duke of Edinburgh, as president, presides at zanual general meeting of Central Council of Physical Recreation, 70 Brompton Road.

26: Princess Anne opens Inter-Action's community centre, Camden. She attends Physically Handicspped Wheelchair Dancing, Stoke on Trent.

Stoke on Trent.

30: Princess Anne, Colonel-inChief, The Worcesperainre and
Sherwood Foresters Regiment
(25th/45th Foot) presents new
Colours to 3rd Battalion, Newark.
With Captain Mark Phillips she attenda Burma Star Reunion, Albert Hell.

Harrow School The Spring Term at Harrow ends

The Spring Term ar Harrow each today. The Cock House Match was won by West Acre (Mr J. Webster), who best Moretons (Mr C. D. Sunner) by three bases to one. The Turpid Final was won by West Acre, who best Moretons by three bases to two.

The school choral society and the school sychestra performed Haydn's Missa in Tempore Belli on March 18.

on March 18.
Old Harrovians who entered the school between 1937 and 1939 were entertained to ten yesterday afternoon by the chairman and committee of the Harrow Association and later stiended a concert of source. Severe Recommits a special property of the standard and standard and standard and standard and standard and standard standa songs in Speech Room. Next term begins April 19.

Buthdays today

Lord Algort, 65; Brigadier Sir. Douglas Crewfood, 73; the Right Rev Dr E. B. Hemierson, 67; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John, 74; Sir William Lindsay, 70; Mr Nicholas Monsarrat, 67; Lady (Frederick) Ogilvie, 77; Mr Paul Rogers, 60; Lord Stokes 63.

Knighthood for judge A knighthood is to be conferred on Mr Justice Balcombe on his appointment as a High Court

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Rear-Admiral D. A. Loram, to be
promoted vice-admiral on March
31 and to be Deputy Supreme
Allied Commander Atlantic, in
October, in succession to Vice-October, in succession to Vice-Admirel Sir James Jungius. Rear-Admirel W. D. M. Staveley, Flag Officer Second Flotilla, to be Flag Officer Carrier and Amphibious Ships in succession to Vice-Admiral J. F. H. Eberle, from March 28.

Major-General Kenneth Perkins. Commander of the Sultan's Armed Forces, Oman, to be Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Opera-tions), Ministry of Defence, in June.

Lancheon British Council

Skr John Liewellyn, Director-General of the British Council, was host at a immcheon given yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens in bonour of Professor Abul Fazal, Adviser on Education to the Presi-dent of Bangladesh.

Reception

HM Government
The Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs and Mrs David Owen were hosts at a reception held at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, yesterday evening, in honour of ambassadors and bigh commissioners and their ladies.

Dinners ·

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at Street yesnerday evening for scientists. Among those present were:
Mr Gerald Kaulman, Mp, Mr John
Camalaham, MP, Mr Arthur Palmer,
MP, Mr Robnason, MP, Mr Brian
Stanley, Mr Roy Grantham, Professor
John Askworth, Dr Kenneth Murray. Dr R. B. Brechey, Dr Duncan Davies, Dr Svinoy Brenner, Dr E. H. Francis, Dr R. B. Nicholson, Dr M. M. Edil, Dr James Hambling, Mr Goeffrey Cooper, Mr D. H. Roberts, Professor, Mr J. M. Thomas, Mr S. J. Robinson, Mr K. R. Stowe, Dr Bertard Donoughue, Mr Tom McNally and Mr R. J. Meadway.

The Hunterian Lecture of the Royal College of Surgeons of Eng-land will be delivered by Professor A. R. Moossa at the college, Lin-coln's Inn Fields, on April 13.

Lady Rowlandson
The Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayoress were present at a dinner
party given by Sir Graham and
Lady Rowlandson at 18 Grosvenor
Square, yesterday evening, in
honour of the Luxembourg
Ambessador. Those present
included

included:
The Spanish Ambassador and Marquess
de Perinat. the Belgian Ambassador and
Mms Vass. Lord Amukee. Lord and
Lady Pit of Hampstead, and Lord and
Lady Pritchard.

Plumbers' Company The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, and Admiral Sir Terence Lewio, First Sea Lord, were the guests of honour at a were the guests of honour at a livery dinner given by the Plumbers' Company at the Mansion House yesterday. The Master, Mr L. R. Holbrook, presided and proposed the civic toast, to which the Lord Mayor responded. The Upper Warden, Sir Leonard Millis, proposed the toast of the guests, to which Admiral Sir Terence Lewin replied.

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Drawing by Rubens is sold for £21,860

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent A large and detailed Rubens

drawing depicting a grisly scene, "Thomyris presented with the head of Cyrus", was sold at Sotheby Mak van Wasy in Amsterdam yesterday for \$4,000 guilders (estimate 43,600 to 65,400), or £21,860, to a Düsseldorf dealer.

The eleganfly robed Thomyris is shown in a columned palace accompanied by women, courtiers and soldiers; a slave lifts the head from a bowl, eagerly watched by a dog.

The drawing has graced some of the most famous of drawing cabinets; it was in Pierre Crozar's sale in 1741 and passed to Mariette. It belonged to Sir Thomas Lawrence, then to King William of The Netherlands, in whose family it descended until 1965. It was sold at Sotheby's in the November of that year for £8,000. The drawing is a preliminary study, with differences, for the engraving of 1630.

The sale contained a tiny Rembraudt "Half-length study of an actor", at 52,000 guilders (estimate 21,800 to 30,500) or £12,093. It was another treasure from the Gathorne-Hardy collection, the bulk of which Sotheby's dispersed last year after some of the choicest items had been ceded to the Treasury in lieu of death duties.

In London Phillips were also selling drawings, with some high prices for Victorian watercolours. Edinburgh's mineteenth-century Grassmarket, with the castle in the background, by Louis Raymer made £4,000 (estimate £2,000).

"Penning the Flock", a watercolour in Pre-Raphselite vein by William Henry Millais, brother to the great Sir John, was sold to Columph's at £1,600 (estimate £1,000); it is signed and dated 1858. "A view of the Rialto Bridge, Venice", by William Wyld, dated 1855, went to Aguew at £20. The sale totalled £28,380, with 5 per cent unsold.

At Sotheby's in London a sale of printed books demonstrated file continuing interest in natural history. H. C. Andrews's Coloured Engravings of Heaths, four volumes in two, published by the author in 1802-09, made £5,800 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000). The sale totalled £68,981 with 4 per centursold.

cent unsold.

Tate acquisition: Richard Redgrave's peanting of a workingclass Victorian goodbye, "The
Emigrant's Last Sight of Home",
has been acquired for an undisclosed sum by the Tate Gallery
(the Press Association writes).

Forthcoming

The Hon James Bruce and Miss G. Wu

Scotland top

countries bridge

By Our Bridge Correspondent

A magnificent team effort by

England, who best Northern Ire-

land by 12-0, 12-0 and 12-0 on Saturday and Sunday at Larne in the home countries bridge inter-national, just failed to win the Camrose Cup, as Wales could not

take enough points off Scotland, losing by 4—8, 2—10 and 4—8 at Cardiff.

After England's record loss to Wales in January by 8—26, and their narrow win over Scotland in February by 19—17, their chances were rated as nil, trailing as they were by 14 points to the holders, but Scotland played steadily to another the necessary margin for

ensure the necessary margin for victory. Final placings:

Scotland 57; England 63; Wales 47; Northern Ireland 39.

Northern Ireland 59.

Toums: Scotland: B. D. Short and M. Rosenberg: P. D. Jourdain and M. Rosenberg: P. D. Jourdain and M. Rosenberg: P. D. Jourdain and Y. Goldberg. Non-playing Castain: B. Barnert. England: R. S. Strock and W. J. Pencharr: B. Rimington and R. D. Sowland M. D. J. Rosenberg: D. Rosenberg: J. Schöngrung and G. J. J. Schöngrung and G. J. J. Schöngrung and G. J. J. Schöngrung and J. J. Schöngrung and J. J. J. Schöngrung and J. J. Schöngrung and J. Rosenberg: T. G. Mackornie and M. Rosenberg: T. G. Mackornie and Mrs. M. Johnston: Mr and Mrs. E. Andrew. Non-playing capitain: G. W. Klingan,

Hunterian Lecture

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As far back as the reign of Stephen (1135-54) a giver penny, then the only denomination in circulation, carried a religious representation. It is a specimen of that extremely rare piece that is being sold in the second part of the Mack collection at Glendinings tomorrow.

Of it Commonwealth by the Administration in the standard consisted of a there of the standard consisted of a there of a superior position of the many mast carrying the flags of 5t Peter of York, St John of Reverley and St Wilfrith of Ripon, borne on a four-wheeled wagon and crowned with a silver pay containing the Host. If this issue was struck to commemorate the battle, as seems likely, the date of issue would be let 1138 or early 1139." This little piece of silver, weighting 1 gram, is expected to fetch more than \$2,500.

Since the archbishop raised the army, obviously the church had no seitation in putting the fear of insulting God to their own defendance with the control of the commemorate the battle, as seems likely, the date of issue would be a superior position of the properties of the commemorate the battle, as seems likely, the date of issue would be a superior position in circulation, carried a religious representation. It is a specimen of that extremely rare piece that is being a superior position and the commemorate of the superior position of the commemorate of the superior position of the commemorate the battle, as seems likely, the date of issue would be a superior position of the commemorate the battle, as seems likely, the date of issue would be a superior position of the commemorate the battle, as seems likely, the date of issue would be a superior position of the commemorate the battle, as seems likely.

between David, second son of Dr and Mrs A. H. Fairlamb, of Epsom, Surrey, and Clare, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs C. M. Comolly, of Stoneygate,

By Our Coins Correspondent

English kings have never scrapled to call on the assistance of God in one form or another to assist them, and have long made use of their coluage to demonstrate the

fact.

A rare specimen of one of those coins comes up for sale this week.

The words "God With Us" were placed on the coinage of the Commonwealth by the Administration of Oliver Cromwell. The fact that the pious legend was placed on the reverse, while the obverse read "The Commonwealth of England" gave rise to jibes that the Government had placed itself in a superior position in God.

The engagement is announced between James, second son of Lord and Lady Aberdare, and Grace, daughter of Mrs Katherine Wu, of Columbia, South Carolina, and of the late Allen Jao Wu. Mr R. N. Matthews and Miss F. St J. Dawney

Mr W. N. C. Scott and Miss A. Doody
The engagement is announced between Nigel, younger son of Lady Elizabeth Scott, of Culkerton, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, and the late Lieutemant-Colonel C. R. Scott, and Angela, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Doody, of Johannesburg, South Africa. John, eider daughter of Mr and Mrs Osmond Dawnay, of Rose-neath House, Kirton, Boston, Lincolnshire. and Miss N. J. E. Muzray

Sporting paintings: The country scene by John Frederick Herring, senior, which is to be sold in Paris tomorrow from the collection of M Jacques Borie. The collection contains English and French sporting pointings of outstanding quality. It is more than unusual to see the British school so represented in a Paris auction. M Borie is a French commodity

Rare penny may fetch £2,500

The engagement is announced be-tween Richard Nepler, younger son of Mr David Marthews, and Mrs Metthews, of 18 Bell Moor, Hampstead, London, and Faith St

Dr D. J. Fairlamb
and Dr C. A. W. Connelly
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Mr J. Burns and of Mrs B. W.
Price, of St Davids, and Nicola,

Royal Ascot

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The Royal Meeting at Ascot will take place on June 14, 15, 16 and 17. Applications for admission to the Royal Ascot Enclosure should be made to her Majesty's Representative, Ascot Office, St James's Palace, Loudon, SW1, before the end of April. Applicants should apply only for members of their families, stating their full names and their ages if they are of 16 to 25 years of age; children under 16 are not admitted except on the Friday, when adults with badges may bring children of 10 to 15 years, for whom no prior application need he made.

New applicants will be sent a form to have signed by a sponsor

form to have signed by a sponsor whose name is already on the Royal enclosure list. Visitors from overseas should apply to their ambassador or high commissioner. In the enclosure ladies will wear formulated day down with here and

formal day dress with hats and gentlemen morning dress or Ser-vice dress.

Mrs Elizabeth Catherine Clark, of Hove, left 583,524 net. After various bequests she left half the

residue to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and half among

Dr Alice Bloomfield, of Dibden Purlier, gymaecologist, left £245,897 net. After bequests of £11,200 she left the residue

equally among seven welfare and

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Curry, Mr Sydney, of Oadby, director of the electrical concern

Latest wills

eight other charities.

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Of it Commander Mack wrote:

"The object which replaces the elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Murray, of Woking.

Mr P. J. Widdicombe and Miss K. E. Richardson

The engagement is amounced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. S. Widdicombe, of Foxwarren, Manitoba, Canada, and Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs L. W. Richardson, of Northwood, Middlesex. The marriage will take place on July S.

Mr S. F. Bosanquet and Miss Z. Willard

The marriage took place on Samrday, March 19, at St Mary's, Cheltenham, between Mr Stephen Francis Bosanquet, eldent son of Mr and Mrs L. J. R. Bosanquet, of Abergavenny, and Miss Zoe Willard, of Cheltenham.

abbreviated Latin.

There is a lot of difference between Nelson's prayer before the Battle of Trafalgar and calls on God for cooperation in peace or war by legends on coins, but if the late Commander Mack's researches are correct, it would seem that Archbishop Thurstan was pushing the matter rather far.

sceptre in the King's right hand on

the obverse of these coins has been variously described, but the most likely explanation is that it repre-

sents in miniature the standard which was carried into battle at Northallerton in August, 1138, when Stephen's army, raised by Archbishop Thurstan, defeated the

Scots. "The standard consisted of a

Marriage

Today's engagements Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

trader and has formed his collection over about

opens rebuilt elmshouses Withyham, near Hartfleid, 12 visits Town Hell, Tonbridge Wells, 2.45; visits Geriatric unit, Pembury Hospital, Tun-bridge Wells, 3.15; opens Florence Balls House, home for Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, Tunbridge Wells,

The Duchess of Kent, President, Royal Northern College of Music, accompanied by the Duke of Kent, attends performance by college of La Boheme, Sadler's Well Theatre, 7.25.

Luch-hour dialogue: Lord Armstrong of Sanderstead with the Rev Paul Oestreicher, St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 1.05. Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition,

Science report

Genetics: Engineering difficulties

into a political one, Some of the features of this system which made it so successful antitings the latest set of regulations drawn up by the United States National Institutes of Health (NIH) to reduce the mostly hypothetical risks which some people see in this kind of work. Dr Carbon has had to destroy his painstakingly constructed bank of more than 50,000 clones of bacteria containing the yeast genes. The idea that specially engineered strains of bacteria can be constructed to produce valuable medical and industrial products specified by genes from animals and plants has come a sup nearer reality with recent reports from America. Genes have been transplanted into bacteria from bread veset, and are translated there into yeast, and are translated there into functional products,

functional products.

That is an important advance because, although yeast is hardly more complicated than the bacterium itself, it belongs on the other side of the sharp biological division between bacteria and all other living organisms. Although scientists have successfully transplanted genes from rabbits, frogs and fruit flies into bacteria, the bacterial hosts seemed to be unable to make the normal wonducts of containing the yeast genes.

That situation came about because of the various sets of regulations that succeeded each other astions that succeeded each office as the moratonism on this type of work, called for by American scientists three years ago, was lifted. The perticular type of E coll used by Dr Carbon carries a special factor which enables genetic information to be transferred active and pattern by bacterial hosts seemed to be unable to make the normal products of those genes. Now Mr Barry Tarkin and Dr John Carbon, of Callfornia University, report that six different genes isolated from bread yeast and transplanted into the common bacterium, Escherichia coli, are apparently able to make up for genetic deliciencies in the bacterium itself, which simplies that the bacterium is making their products. easily and naturally to other bac-

teria.

That made it much easier to transfer the yeast genes from bacterium until one was terium to bacterium their expression. different genes isolated from bread yeast and transplanted into the common bacterium, Escherichia coli, are apparently able to make up for genetic deficiencies in the bacterium itself, which implies that the bacterium is making their products.

But while Dr Carbon has solved a biological difficulty he has run teriam to bacterium until one was found in which their expression could be detected, but the MH committee finally decided that it could also be a source of risk. If bacteria carrying foreign genes that the bacterium is making their products.

But while Dr Carbon has solved a biological difficulty he has run

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Scholar of the
College, has been elected to a Hayward Junior Research Fellowship from

Professor T. J. Chandler, head of

the department of geography, Manchester University, has been appointed Master of Birkbeck College in succession to Dr R. C.

College in succession to Dr R. C. Tress, from October 1.
Dr M. G. Audley-Charles, BSc, PhD, reader in geology, Imperial College, has been appointed to the chair of geology at Queen Mary College and Professor H. R. Loyn, BA, MA, DLut, professor of medieval history at University College, Cardiff, has been appointed to the chair of history at Westfield College, both appointments from October 1.

Other appointments include:

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Other appointments include:
Readerships: H. Cannell, MSC, MD,
antler lecturer to oral and maxiliofacial surgery. London Haspital Medical College from April 1;
R. E. J. Dytoli, MA, VetmB, PhD,
sprincial veterinary research officer,
Agricultural Research Council Institute
of Antmel Physiology, Eabraham, Cambridge, anatomy, King's College, from
Sept. 1: Dr. N. Landon, BSC, MB,
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long statement of professor of clinical endecripology has been conforted on Dr.
J. S. Jerkins, BA, MD, St. George's
Hospital Medical School, and that of
grotessor of objection, and electronic
engineering on Dr. M. Redwood, RSC
(Engl., PD), ISSC(Eng.), Queen Maty
College.

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£13,999 from Natural Environment Research Council; Current pollen rath in the vicioity of 2 reconstructed iron age, settement at Butser Hill, Hampshire; under Dr. J. D. Mogre.

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treated yeast genes and put them into a bacterium which meets with official approval.

The first report of translation of yeast genes in bacteria from another Californian laboratory last year was greeted with great excitement by the genetic engineers. For it shows that the bacterial translation machinery and the foreign genes are not totally incompatible, elthough it is true that in the

genes are not totally incompatible, esthough it is true that in the present system the yeast genes are probably not being translated efficiently.

As yet nobody can tell how the bacterial machinery is coping with the foreign genes. It may well be that the fairly simple yeast does not present the bacterium with as much of a difficulty as genes from more complex organism. So the more complex organism. So the hopes of purpose-built bacteria chruming out useful hormones such as insulin rapidly and cheaply from transplanted animal genes is still a dream.

By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Proceedings for the National Academy of Sciences of the USA, February (74, 487; 1977); Nature, Marc'i 17 (266, 210 : 1977).

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R. E. Allsop.

211.525 from EEC: investigation of priparties of the primary electron acceptor complex of Photosystem I, under Dr M. C. W. Evans.

218.299 from National Research Development Corp. improvements of scanning acquisite microscope, under Professor E. A. Ash.

210.672 from the SSRC: use of telecommunications for geographically dispersed higher education, under Professor P. D. Cowan.

224,162 from Loukaemia Research Fund: C-type virus proteins, under Dr Nancy M. Hogg.

CARDIFF: Professor A. k. Mathieson, MSc (Durham), PhD (Nott), head of the department of chemistry, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria, has been appointed director of the school of home economics. The school will be brought into being with the merger in October of Llandaff College of Education (Home Economics) with University College.

Dr B. J. Brinkworth, MSc (Eng) (Bristol), PhD (Wales), has been appointed to the newly created chair of energy studies.

Dr M. Brooks, senior lecturer in

the department of geology, University College, Swansea, has been

appointed to the chair and head-

ship of the department of geology.

The Ministry of Overseas Development has contributed £150,000 towards the cost of a John research project on the taxonomy and blology of the brown plant hopper, which attacks rice grown in South East Briz.

SWANSEA: A department of

with University College.

Wales

OBITUARY

SIR REGINALD DORMAN-SMITH Governor of Burma in wartime

1939-40 and Governor of Burma 1941-46.

He took a leading part in the work of the National Farmers Union before holding the office of Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries in the closing months of Neville Chamberlain's period as Prime Minister, and in 1941 was appointed Governor of Burma. No other representative of the Crown within the British Dominion was confronted with such great anxieties in the war such great anxieties in the war years as those which fell to him consequent on the Japanese invasion, the reconquest of the country and the subsequent steps taken for the attainment of complete Burmese independence. He was a man of energetic and lively personality with powers of personality with powers of ready adaptation to changing circumstances.

trader and has formed his collection over about ten years. The sale includes an unusual and outstanding Herring entitled "The Horse Fair". Also of special quality are a set of four formuting scenes by Henry Alken, senior, formerly in the Jack Dick collection. The French school is best represented by a fount-ing scene by Alfred de Dreux. Reginald Hugh Smith was born in 1899, the son of Major E. P. Dorman-Smith. He was educated at Harrow and at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He went into the Indian Army and went into the Indian Army and was commissioned in the 15th Sikhs. Later he was to serve in the 5th Queens Royal Regiment. After the Afghan War of 1919 he was invalided out of the Army and settled in Surrey. He became in due course a Justice of the Peace for that county and from 1931 to 1935 sumably believed in, it is thought the advance of such a standard would have had a shattering effect. The idea seems to have had an ignocent enough inception when the Anglo-Saxons put "O lord God (heavenly) King", and "He hath done marvellous things" on some of their coins. Later kings were to put "I reign under the auspices of Christ", "I have made God my Helper" and similar religious sentiments, while Charles I, having raised the standard of civil war, had no hesitation in putting "Let God arise (and) let His entemies be scattered" not, from the king's point of view, with much ultimate effect. All these legends were in abbreviated Latin.

There is a lot of difference be-The idea seems to have had an was a county Alderman. Having taken up farming Dorman-Smith soon made his mark in his local branch of the National Farmers' Union and became a member of its council. In 1936 he was elected

Colonel Sir Reginald President of the Union and good was in imminent danger.

Dorman-Smith, PC, GBE, died was reelected in 1937. In 1935 Under orders from the British on March 20 at the age of 78. he had been elected Unionist Cabinet the Governor with his He was Minister of Agriculture MP for the Petersfield Division executive council and advisers

Army.
At the close of 1940 he was

selected to be Governor of Burma in succession to Sir Archibald Cochrane. If political ambitions in Burma were less complicated than in India they were not, in their measure less tense. Political conthey were not, in their mea-sure, less tense. Political con-1941 a heavy air attack was made upon Rangoon and there began the long exodus, costly in inevitable privations and many deaths, through the Assam hills by countless Indians fleeing to the land of 1937 and was made GRE in their birth and by many Bur1941. mans.
The Japanese invasion was

of overwhelming strength and by the beginning of 1943 Ran-

managing director, kept in close touch until 1973, when he retired.

Sir James Miller, GBE, DL, JP, who died in Ediniburgh on March 20, at the age of 72, was the first, and indeed the only men to have won the distinction of having acted as Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh, and Lord Mayor of London. The former post he held from 1951-54, the latter in 1964-65; it is a "double" that may never be repeated.

Son of an Edinburgh erchitect of the same name, James Miller was born in Morningside on March 16, 1905. After education at George Heriot's school, Always drawn to local govern-ment, Miller was elected to Edinburgh Town Council in 1936, and in 1951 became Lord Provost, a post he held for three years until, in 1954, he retired and did nor stand for reelection. He was knighted in 1953. But before this time he was already a shy but familiar figure in the City of London which had the pleasure of seeing at its pleasure of seeing at its functions the superb collarette of diamonds with which Edinburgh decks out its Lords Provost. A member of the courts of the Painter-Stainers and the Coach Makers livery companies, he was, in 1956, elected a Sheriff; eight years later, in 1964 Sir Jane Stewart, who with two James Miller was elected Lord Mayor, and thus achieved its deckared ambition of being the first citizen of London, as pretion at George Heriot's school, be had some training in his father's profession but elected to be a builder, and set up in business as a house-builder, developing asters in the Pent-land Hills area, on the southern outskirts of the city. The firm, James Miller & Partners Ltd, sorerested itself also in civil

of Hampshire and continued to represent it until his call to Burma in 1941.

In January, 1939, Neville Chamberlain selected Dorman-Smith made Chamberlain selected Dorman-Smith to be Minister of Agriculture in succession to W. S. Morrison. Smith to be Minister of Agritulture in succession to W. S.
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When war came in the early
autumn a slow start had been
ment, but all real authorities in Whitehall.
The Japanese occupation was
accompanied by the setting up
of a pupper Burmese Government, but all real authority made to put agriculture on a was vested in the military commander. After the invaders from the farmers to his appeal to plough up at least 2,000,000 acres of grassland had been expelled in 1945 Sir Hubert Rance was appointed acres of grassland had been expelled in 1945 Sir Hubert Rance was appointed acres of grassland had been expelled in 1945 Sir Hubert Rance was appointed Chief Civil Affairs Officer in Eurma. Dorman-Smith and his advisers returned to Rangoon after an absence of three and succeeded at the Ministry of a half years. He stated that his mission was, with the restoration of order, to carry out a Minister, Dorman-Smith was after an absence of three and succeeded at the Ministry of a half years. He stated that his Minister promptly rejoined the definite programme for selfgovernment as soon as practic-able. The British Government announced that his quinquen-nial tenure of the Governorship expiring in the following May would be extended for a further 12 months, but in August, 1946, he resigned the office on grounds of ill health. siderations for the future were, however, quickly relegated to the background by the threat of Japanese invasion which was so soon to overwhelm the administration. At the close of India of remaining a source of India for in January, 1948, Burma became a sovereign republic without following the example of India of remaining a member of the Commonwealth. Dorman-Smith now resumed the English country life he loved so well. He was High Sheriff of Hampshire in 1952.

Agnes Edith, daughter of Sir John Watson, Bt, by whom he had two daughters.

STR JAMES MILLER

viously he had been first citizen of Edinburgh. His year as Lord of Edinburgh. His year as Lord Mayor was not an eventful one, but he won much praise as a magistrate in the Maosion House Court, where wise judgments lost nothing through being expressed, often enough, with pawky Scottish humour. He was made GBE in 1965.

This same day humour and Scottish voice mede him a good after-dinner areaker, and his

after-dinner speaker, and his years as Alderman for the Ward of Bishopsgate (1957-72) were

MR ROLLO CHARLES

danly in London on March 8. He was 60.
Rollo Charles, as he was

engineering work, and set up branches in Wakefield and in London; with these Miller, as

known, joined the suff of the Department of Art as Assistant Keeper in 1946, after war ser-vice with the Royal Artillery in North Africa, France and Ger-many, during which he had been awarded the Military Cross. Alawarded the Ministry Cross. Arthough the Assistant Keepership was his first Museum appointment, he had had experience of artistic matters in his work for the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Branch of the Control Commission for Germany during 1945 and 1946. In 1952 he suc-ceeded the late John Speegman

as Keeper of Art. His career as Keeper of Art saw the transformation of the Department of Art from a provincial collection into one of national importance. It was just before he became Keeper that Gwendoline Davies bequeathed her magnificent collection of French Impressionist and earlier 19th Century French paintings to the Museum. Eleven years later, in 1963, her sister, Mar-garet Davies, bequeathed her part of the Davies collection. In 1963 Lerd Plymouth lent "The Fig" by Rubens and Snyders and his Poussin landscape to the Museum, thus initiating a solendid succession of loans of Old Master paintings.
In negotiating these loans and

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administer the new honours degree scheme in management

Dr Leonardo Pompa, MA PhD (Edin), lecturer in philosophy at Edinburgh University, has been appointed to the chair and head ship of the department of philosophy from October.

The following honorary degrees are to be conferred at the official

opening of the medical-legal centre in Sheffield on June 24:
LLD: Professor F. C. Thomas. Ghent University, and Professor R. D. Teare, professor emericas in forensic medicals. Dr Horbert Pilling, Sheffield coroner.

To be conferred at an evening

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MSc: Mr Norman Gration, chairman, poak Park Piguning Board.
MA: Mr W. J. Murison, librarian or West Riding County Council.

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even before the increase in the Museum's purchase grant, he was laying the foundations of the expansion of the collection into the Old Master field; in 1956 he organised the purchase of Canaletto's "Bacino di San Marco" by appealing for financial help to a number of industrial companies and sublicing industrial companies and public bodies in South Wales. This expansion of the collection did not happen of its own accord, but was in great measure due to his gifts of discrimination and diplomacy.

Pollo Charles was a securily

Rollo Charles was a naturally elegant figure and the apparent ease with which he ran the Department of Art for nearly 25 years concealed how hard he worked. He had a specialist interest in ceramics and in 1964 he published his Continental Parcelain of the 18th Century. Readers of that book, which is certainly the best general intro-duction in English to the history of the great European porcelain factories, will regreat that the pressure of museum work, as well as, perhaps, his innate modesty, did not permit him to write more than he did. It was followed, however, in the ceramic field, by his contribution, in 1965, of the section on Swansea and Nanteary porce-Swansea and Nantgarw porce-lain in English Porcelain, edited by R. J. Charleston, and by the sections on Italian porcelain

Mr Robert Lonsdale Charles, in cultivering the friendships which he wrote for World MC, FMA, JP, Keeper of the which are of mutual benefit to Ceramics, edited by the same Department of Art, National collectors and museums Rollo editor, in 1968. Early in his Museum of Wales, died sud- Charles was tirelessly active. But career as Keeper he completed much of the editorial work on the South Wales volume of Portraits in Welsh Houses by John Steegmen, which appeared in 1962.

The exhibitions which he arranged were numerous, but mention should be made of the Centenary Exhibition of Frank Brangwyn (1968) and the Cari Richards Memorial Exhibition (1973), for both of which he compiled the catalogue.

He served on the Fine Arts

Advisory Committee of the British Council and, as a committee member, of the Weish Arts Council. In 1971 he was made a JP for Dynaspowis.

LORD SWINFEN

Lord Swinfen, 2nd Baron, died on March 19 at the age of 73. Charles Swinfen Eady was born in 1904 and educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. He became a Barrister-at-Law He became a Bartister-at-Law at the Inner Temple and succeeded his father in 1919. He married, first, in 1937, Mary Aline, younger daughter of Colonel H. Mynors Farmar, CMG, DSO. They had two sons. The marriage was dissolved in 1945 and he married, in 1950, Averil Kathleen Suzanne Knowles alder dangeron of Knowles, elder daughter of Major W. M. H. Humphreys.

His son, the Hon Roger Mynors Swinfen Eady, succeeds him. Malan, the Prime Minister, and Mr

From The Times of Friday, March 21, 1952 South African crisis From Our Own Correspondent

25 years ago

Cape Town, March 20.—The government does not propose to accept the position created by the unanimous judgment of the South African Appeal Court announced this morning which invalidates the Servers Representation of Voters Separate Representation of Voters Separate Representation of voters Act. The opposition will press for the government's resignation and will encourage agitation to that end throughout the country. That is the gist of statements by Dr

Malan, the Frime Minister, and Mr Strauss, the leader of the opposi-tion, on the Appeal Court's judg-ment. Dr Malan made his state-ment in a packed and tense House of Assembly when the sitting opened this afternoon. He said that the Appeal Court's judgment, which reversed the previous deciwhich reversed its previous decision of 1937 (in the case Rex v Ndiwana), had created a constitunotivated, not created a constitu-tional position which could not be accepted. . . . It was imperative that the sovereignty of Parliament should be placed beyond any shadow of doubt. The government would take the necessary steps, and would at the appropriate time announce such steps when the rea-sons for the court's judgment had been studied and considered.

Church news Appointments

Diocese of Wakefield
The Rev T. R. Klag. Vicar of St
Paul's, Glassbeughton, to be Vicar of
St Mary the Virgin's, Woodkirk.
Canon I. C. Khox, incumbentdesignate of St Peter's, Huddarsfield,
to be Rural Dean of Huddersfield.

Diocese of Peterborough

The Rov R. P. Butcher, curate of
St Michael's. Yeovil, diocese of Bath
and Wells, to be chaplain of Wellingborough School.

The Rev C. H. Davidson. Rector
of Visidwell with Draughton and Scaldwell with Lamport, to be Rural Deon
of Brisworth.

The Rev C. Mayhew, Rector of Barnack with Utland and Samton, to be
Rural Dazn of Barnack.

canon of St Paul's Cathedrai. Dundee, diocese of Brechin.

The Rev W. A. Clark. Rector of the Church of the Good Sheeherd. Edinburgh. to be Chap'ain of St Vincent's Pritate Chapel. Edinburgh. on his reliment on July 51.

If the Chapel Chap's of St Peter's Paul's Peter's Paul's St. Hadfield. Harring time priest-in-charge of Edinburgh.

Canon J. C. Hadfield. Harring Committee of Harring Cerk of the diocese of Argyli and the lates, to be Rector of Edinburgh. St. John's Utik, priosi-in-charge of St. John's Utik, priosi-in-charg

Baptist Union

The Rov W. T. Cowlan, organizing secretary of the Exeter Diocesan Council for Family and Social Welfare, has been appointed director of the Devon Council for Christian Care from April 1. The Rov D. Gosdam, of New Soutingsite Bapilst Church, London, 10 Westington Eaplist Church, London, 10 Westington Eaplist Church, Comerset, The Rev L. Gregory, of Northcote Road Bapilst Church, Kent. The Row Mayaret Jarman, of Daiston and Salters Hall Bapilst Church, Canonbury, London, and the Rev P. Ingic of Limbrick Wood, Coventry, to the West Coventry Eaplist Fellowship.

The following honorary degrees will be conferred on July 16: DSC: Professor C. J. Dewhurst, mofessor of obstetrics and synacciocy, London institute of Obstetrics and Gymaccology: Dr Erust Opik, research sysociate, Armagh Astronomical Observatory: Professor R. L. Wam, FRS, professor of agricultural chemistry, London Univ Lift D: Sir Harold Honson, termer drama critic, The Sunday Times, MA: Mr R. W. Calziey, building mainterman critic at the university, 195575. LD: Dr Resemary Murray, Vice-Chancellor, Cambridge University.

Diocese of Salisbury
The Rev B. J. Hopkinson. Vicar in
the Mariborough team ministry, to be
also Rural Dees of Mariborough.
The Rev K. A. Hugo, Vicar of
Allenton and Shelton Lock, diocese of
Derby, to be Vicar of Potterna and
Worton. Marston. and communications
officer for the diocese. Diocese of Truro

The Rev O. R. M. Blatchly, curate-in-charge of St Francis's, Francis', diocese of Guldford, to be Vicar of Manaccan with St Anthony-in-Meneage. The Rev C. J. K. Firth, curate of King Charles's, Falmouth, to be priest-in-charge of Mabe.

Grants 229,805 over three years from Science 229,805 over three years from Science synthesis by Cellifar Iractions, under Professor D. A. Walker. 227,400 over two months from Japan Foundation: undergraduate study in Japan programme, under G. H. Heeley, Clo. 300 over two years from SRC, homo and hetero binacless metal complexes derived from ligands nevergias-milar adjacent coordination sites, under Or D. E. Fonton. 216,620 over one year from Ministry of Defence; electroviscous control or dampers, under Professor J. K. Royle. 240,000 over two years from UKAEA; generic and specific research and development work relating to powerfluidics, under Professor J. Switzen-bene.

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The Rev C. H. Davidson, Rector of Weldwell with Draughton and Scaldwell with Lamport, to be Rural Deon of Bristworth.

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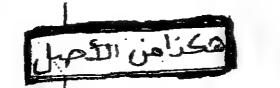
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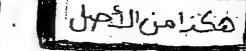
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Near standstill in earnings widens gap between pay and prices

WAGES

The following are the index numbers for basic rates of wages for all manual workers in all

average earnings of all employees in all industries and services

covered by the monthly earnings inquiry released by the Depart-

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ment of Employment

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any agreement in breach of its guidelines.

About five million worker

are estimated to have settled within the terms of stage two. Basic wage rate figures issued by the Department of Employ-

ment show a rise of less than 0.1 per cent during February, and both hourly and weekly rates are only 8.5 per cent above their level of a year ago.

Basic rates are a much poorer guide to how earnings are mov-

ing than the average earnings index itself. Thus, although the basic rate figure is more recent

it gives little indication of whether the slowdown indicated by the January figure has been

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Economics Correspondent

Average carnings were rtually static in January virtually static in January widening the gap between pay and prices but increasing the chances that the Government's target for the present pay policy will be observed. Dur-ing the first six months of the policy earnings increased by 5.5 per cent compared with an expected increase of 7 per cent

for the year as a whole.

However, only 0.1 per cent
of this increase occurred during January, lending some credibility to the view in Whitehall that there was great bunching of large pay sattle-ments in the second half of 1976.

But the pay policy will clearly come under heavy strain during the coming months. If its targets are to be met, average earnings can be met, average only by about 11 increase only by about 11 per cent between the beginning of February and the end of July, at a time when prices will still

be rising quickly.

Because of this there is the possibility of some slippage, as occurred during the last round of pay restraint. It is also likely that pressure for big increases in money incomes during the next round of pay negotiations will build up during the next few many ing the next few months unless increases in real extrinas through tax cuts reduce the

pressure on living standards. There have already been quite substantial falls in real earnings. At the end of January earnings were 11.8 per cent up on a year previously, while prices had risen 16.6 per cent during the same period.

The gap would have been larger but for the increase in the amount of overtime, which has been rising steadily since February, 1976, and which is believed to account for between and a of a percentage point of the 118 per cent increase.

Extra overtime partly explains why earnings are rising at a fairly rapid rate compared to the predictions made at the time the present policy was agreed. There is no sign of

CBI remedy

for Britain's

The lesson of the recent dis-

Monetary Fund was that we had

now reached a level at which

we either pur our own economic and industrial bouse in order

or our creditors would do it for us, Lord Watkinson, president of the Confederation of British

Industry said vesterday.

Speaking at the Kingston
Regional Management Centre.

Nev Malden in Surrey, Lord

Watkinson gave a warning that even North See oil would not

save us from having to make

"It is very much a manage-ment decision. It is like a board

that takes over a near bankrupt

business and has to decide what management policies must be

applied to get the company

that to 95 per cent and most of

our problems would be solved."

ting taxes to restore incentives.

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dustrial democracy and attacks on free enterprise and the pro-

the Bullock proposals on

Lord Watkinson said that the

recovery

By Malcolm Brown

Midland Bank bows to profit sharing call By Christopher Thomas

Profit sharing schemes are already operated by Bardays, National Westminster and Williams and Glyn's. Midland, which in 1976 more than doubled its profits over 1975 to £166m, said yesterday that it proposed to introduce profit sharing to 43,000 staff when pay policy permitted.

policy permitted. The National Union of Bank Employees' latest journal says that detailed discussions on the

It commues: "However, we recognize that there may be some difficulty in implementing the scheme under the present phase of the social contract. If it is not possible under this phase the union will be pressing

a challenge under the contenti out Schedule 11 of the Employ-ment Protection Act, which came into effect in January and aims to give equality in pey and conditions between similar em-ployees in the same locality.

Gold rises \$2 to 18-month peak

highest level for 18 months. Having breached the \$150 an ounce barrier on Friday, the metal encountered fresh buying interest yesterday. It closed in London last night at \$151.875 an ounce, with a net rise on the day of \$2 (it slipped back under \$150 on Friday) under \$150 on Friday). Dealers reported a firm market in the Far East, con-

phase the union will be pressing for sufficient flexibility in the next phase. . . ." It went on to refer to the 102.6 per cent profit increase last year.

The bank said yesterday that its offer would be pur to NUBE and the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS), which share bargaining rights in Midland. It has faced the possibility of a challenge under the contenti-

The price of gold rose on the uropean builton markets to its

Union pressure on the Mid-land Bank appears to have succeeded in winning a commit-ment for a profit sharing scheme. Details of the bank's offer are being released and should be in union hands to-

proposals will take place as a matter of urgency. "It will be the union's intention to do everything possible to get the scheme implemented without

This is because when pay policies fail to hold they usually break down at local or plant level, away from the gaze of those who agreed the national deat. By Our Financial Staff Tax concessions aimed at recommends that this taper encouraging wider voluntary adoption of employee share ownership schemes are proposed in a Conservative Party "Green Paper" published today. The discussion paper claims to build on the existing provision whereby companies are free to pay employees bonuses in shares or cash from profits and to deduct these as normal tributing to a strong opening price in Europe, Clash over union team

delays Leyland talks By Clifford Webb

maintained.

negotiations on the Leyland Cars toolroom workers dispute were still in the balance last night after more than eight hours of talks in a Birmingbam hotel

The chief stumbling block was the composition of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers' team to be chosen to. deal with management.

This became clear as the three Leyland executives present—Mr Richard Perry, director of manufacturing, Mr Geoffrey Whalen, personnel director, and Mr Bill McLean, director of employee relationsspent most of the day waiting in another part of the hotel while union leaders tried to come to terms with the tool-

room strike committee led by Mr Roy Fraser. Mr Terry Duffp and Mr Bill At present, said the CBI president, we were delivering about 75 per cent of our national horsepower. "Raise John, both national executive members were sticking to the official union line that the negotiating committee must represent all sections of the membership although this could include representatives of the

confederation's proposals for fostering recovery had been toolroom strike committee. On the day that Leyland remade known, including pro-vision for getting inflation called more than 40,000 workers, down to around 5 per cent by mid-1978, doubling real profits the company's Joint Management Council, which is comprised eequally of management to pay for investment, and cutunion representatives, and issued a warning to all 120,000 However, it was essential to employees about the consequences of further breaks in programme gathered speed it was not wrecked by ill-judged

production. In a letter the council said : "There has been much specula-tion recently about the likeli-hood of plant closures and the loss of mousands of jobs. Let no one doubt that it can happen. The overriding cask now facing everyone employed by Leyland

back in our operations." The letter said the Government and the National Enterprise Board had made it clear that three objectives had to be mer: 1, Normal working before the and of March. 2, Stay at the and of March. 2, Stay at the said of M work and achieve production and productivity targets, 3. Take joint steps to improve radically industrial relations.

Failure to achieve these three jectives would lead to massive losses throughout the group,

Components men laid off: A Staffordshire company making components for the motor industry yesterday laid off more than 1,000 workers and put 545 more on a three-day week, as a result of the Leyland troubles.

Rists Wires and Cables of

Newastle-under-Lyme has lost orders because of the British Leyland dispute. A spokesman said the layoffs and short-time working would continue until British Levland returned to normal working and orders began to channel through.

Orders for Germany

Against all expectations the flow of new orders to West German industry appears to have fallen sharply in the first few weeks of this year after a strong rise in December. The Economics Ministry reported yesterday that the seasonally-adjusted index for incoming orders fell by a provisional six per cent in January to 152 from Decem-ber's lowest level since June.

The Times index: 170.43-4.51

The FT index: 414.4-14.1

How the markets moved

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Threats of general election and national dock strike upset markets

Shares suffer worst day for 5 weeks

By David Mott of the selling was concentrated.

Prospects of defeat for the at the short end of the range. Government in tomorrow night's vote and the turest of a national dock strike seat shares rumbling on the London stock market

Over what was the worst day for five weeks the FT 30-share index lost 14.1 to close at 414.4. According to a Data-Stream calculation £1,365m was wiped off the marker's capitalization. Although a little firmer than equities, some gilt-edged stocks were fil lower at one stage. Equity dealers said that the

Equity dealers said that the selling was not heavy and largely "professional", but it was widespread and few sectors escaped double-figure losses. In the hour after lunch scattered bargain hunting and news that a leading firm of bookmakers had shortened its odds on a Government victory brought a brief rally. But it was short-lived and most shares closed at the bottom. closed at the bottom.

Win or lose on Wednesday

the Government is

night, the Government is likely to so shead with its plans for the Chancellors Bud-

ket speech next Tuesday.

Apart from the fact that the

Budget might turn out to be popular through its promise of

cuts in income tax, the techni-

cal demands of government

finance and parliamentary con-

trol mean that the one option

which the Government does

not have if it loses the vote of no confidence is to do nothing,

and then, if it wins, introduce the Budget and legislate it

This is because under the rules of tax collecting, the

Government's powers to collect

revenue through income tax, corporation tax and other such

imports automatically lapses on May 5, one mouth after the end of the financial year. This

is designed to ensure that no

ing and spending money without

and to deduct these as normal

But it also suggests removal of the main "snag" to exist-

ing schemes, whereby the em-

ployees themselves suffer in-

come tax on their bonuses cal-

culated either on an " earnings "

or "receipts" basis.
This would involve substitut-

ing a tapered deferred tax

confined to employee bonuses given in shares and derived

The paper, prepared by a working party under the chairmanship of Mr David Howell, Opposition spokesman on

rom profits,

costs before corporation tax.

By Our Financial Staff

until after the election,

By Our Economics

Budget speech will go-ahead

market men would not welcome this stage of the country's economic recovery. The particular point of concern is the attitude of the trade unions would adopt, especially on the continuation of an incomes

Selling among the long dates was much lighter but there were still losses of up to £1 by policy. Industrial the middle of the session. There was, however, a good rally after lunch and, by the close, earlier falls had been haived. The aspect of the call for a vote of no confidence in the Govern-ment is the uncertainty which it creates, even assuming that the Government comes through un-

For some time now many market men have been unhappy with the precariousness of the Government's voting position and many feel that sentiment from will live increasingly under the shadow of a general

By lunchtime many stocks had lost three quarters in "fairly heavy" selling and by the end of trading were a full point

Though the City naturally clines towards a Conservative

The dissolution of ranament if the Government loses the vote is likely to be set late enough for the Chancellor at least to make a Budget announcment before the House breaks up to go to the polls.

breaks up to go to the polls. After that, it has two options.

It can bring in a very short finance Bill which would have broad support and which could

be got through very quickly. This would mean bringing in

another finance Bill later in the year if, as is likely, there were other proposals it would have liked to include but felt would

not get through.

The alternative is to get the election over with and then bring to Parliament a Ways and Means Resolution which would tide it over until the new Parliament and the new Parliament and the new Parliament and the new Parliament was able to consider a

liament was able to consider a Budget either from the newly-reinforced Labour administra-

tion or from a new Government.

would still apply for agreeing to a means of ensuring that the Revenue could go on collecting

Tory plan for wider share ownership

However, the May 5 deadline

Treasury and economic affairs, cash

which the shareholdings could

be withdrawn at the basic rate

In the third year a levy of

20 per cent tax would apply

on encashments, with this figure dropping to 15 per cent in the fourth year and 10 per cent in

After the full five years

holdings would be completely

free of all tax due up to that

point and employee share-holders could either retain the

shares, whose current market

price at that time would be the base value for capital gains tax

on a subsequent scale, or realize

among the hardest hit yesterwith losses which ran into double figures. Even shares with a strong overseas interest went into reverse with all thoughts of dividend restraint temporarily forgotten.
Sterling too came under pres

sure and there was some early selling on the foreign enchanges yesterday. The Bank of England is believed to have provided some support for the customy. However, as the trading session progressed, good commercial demand for sterling reversed the earlier fall.

The Bank was then believed

Although making the Budget statement and then trying to find some way of patching up a

makeshift finance arrangement while waiting for the oppor-

tunity to carry through a proper finance Bill seems the

most likely course of action, the

situation is greatly confused by

the lack of any recent precedent

The nearest is the 1955 elec-

tion, when the then Conservative Government had a clear

majority in the House of Com-mons and carried through a tax-cutting Budger just before

going to the country in search of an increased majority.

accord, and it would certainly

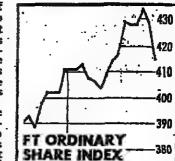
not be in a sustainable position

As saféguards against excess

rively backward hitherto-

represent just one facet of Con-

for the present aitum



the dollars that had earlier been spent in support operations.

The rate against the dollar closed finally at \$1.7177, with a net gain on the day of 5 points, having at one stage dropped to \$1.7145.

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Plea made for separate taxes. That would suggest that if the Government were to try to leave any action until after Ministry the election, polling would have to take place before May 5.

By Our Commercial Editor A minister for the selfemployed and small firms is urged by the National Federation of Self Employed in a discussion document to be put to Conservative Party leaders

Such a minister would be bet-ter able to safeguard the inter-ests of the self-employed and small businesses sector, which was now in dire straits, the

The Conservative Party at last seemed to be getting to the root of the problem of the small business sector, according to There had been recent Tory

At the moment there seems limb prospect of the Govern-ment seeking election of its own sledges to make a major change in the operation of value-addedtax-although NFSE wants a in trying to force through a full finance Bill if it were to complete review of indirect taxanion—and for a full-scale inquiry into the National Insurance system as it affects the self-employed.

But the NFSE discussion paper recalls that confidence in the Conservatives' ability "or the Conservatives' ability "or even desire" to help the self-amployed had been badly dented servative Government.

As sateguards against excess revenue cost or distortion, companies would be able to sat aside no more than, say, 10 per cent of their pre-rax profits for share bonus schemes, and consideration would be given to some limit on overall company The NESE will tell the Tory leaders that higher rates of income tax should be reduced. increases in overall per contributions to all the various kinds of tax-relieved benefits along American lines. sonal allowances. Capital Transfer Tax should go.

The shares involved would be others under the Consumer held in trust on behalf of the employees for up to five years. Introducing the discussion paper, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Credit Act is unnecessary, the NFSE says. So are tax exemp rion certificates for construc tion industry sub-contractorsshadow Chemcellor, says that "it will mean the end of many share bonus schemes-an area small sub-contracting organizain which Britain has been relations "-because the tax evasion problem could be met by other new regulations.

servative thinking on the central The NFSE also makes this theme of personal ownership.
Crucial to this is the extent plea for aid for small com-panies: "A good case can be made for the provision of aid to which the tax system re-inforces rather than obstructs the building up of personal either in the form of 'tax capital through savings and holidays , cash grants or inter-

Lord Ryder is taking a hand in Big Ben The National Enterprise Board has taken its founders'

dream of securing the com-manding heights of the manding heights of the economy at face value. Lord Ryder and his board yesterday announced the proposed acqui-sition of a 90 per cent shareholding to the turret clock-makers, Thwaites and Reed.

Besides looking after Big Ben, the Sussex-based concern has installed about 300 clocks in town halls, church towers and in famous buildings, ranging from Fortnum and Mason in Piccadilly to the City timepiece over the front of the Financial Times building, Bracken

By the subscription of £240,000 in new £1 ordinary shares, equal to 90 per cent of the equity, the taxpayer-funded NEB becomes controller of the oldest existing tower clock-makers in Britain and holder of the Royal Warrant as Turret Clockmakers to Her Majesty the

Since last August, Thwaites and Reed has been busy putting Big Ben right. The most famous clock in the world stopped on August 5, 1976, the day when the Government was being asked about an NEB investment in Twinlock, the office machine makers.

Little did MPs below realiza that, under the cover of the company's contract to clean. wind and maintain Parliament's symbolic clock, contacts were being made with Lord Ryder and merchant bankers in a search for working capital.

From a selection of presentations, the NEB offered the best package of help, at the price of virtual nationalization and a seat on the family board alongside Mr Geoffrey Buggins, the chairman and managing director.

associated with Thwaires and Reed 121 years ago, but the company goes way back to 1740, when Mr Aynsworth Thwaites made the Horse Guards Parade clock, still in With about 30 employees, the

ompany says it needs money

for expansion, building up mar-keting outlets overseas in such places as Germany, Japan, the United States and even Swit-Turret clocks are not the

only product, for there is a pice line in domestic bracket timepieces and ships' chronometers as well as conventional pro

For its part, the NEB com-mented yesterday (at about 1402 hours): "We are very pleased to be associated with this historic and internationally renowned company which we believe, because of this injec-tion of capital, will be able to expand its range of products, use to the full its export potenial, and show a good return on investment."

Criteria which might equally apply to that other NEB subsidiary, British Leyland, where the gates opened yesterday and mal for the returning work force.

MAURICE CORINA STATE OF THE SHARE PROPERTY OF

IMF wants Rome pledge on controls

Rome, March 21.-To gain any further loan from the International Monetary Fund, Italy will have to pledge not to introduce any new exchange controls, price curbs or restrictions on credit which would have an impact on external commercial dealings. According to official Italian sources, any letter of intent sent to the IMF will have to contain such a pledge.

This pledge, which would be valid for the life of the loan. would bar curbs like the tax on currency purchases, recently abolished, or the deposit on currency purchases to be phased out in April they said. Mr Alan Whittome, leader of the IMF negotiating team, has left Italy following finalization of the letter of intent, but the Government has not yet made it public pending talks with Italy's main political parties and the unions.

Union leaders today restated their opposition to the curbs on automatic and negotiated wage increases which the IMF negotiators have insisted on including as a fundamental con-dition of the loan. Signor Giulio Andreotti, the

Prime Minister, is to meet union leaders tomorrow in the ' live ' hope of reaching some form of consensus on this point. The credit, of 450 million special drawing rights (about (300m), is expected to be made available in three tranches,

years, the sources said. The pledge to abstain from exchange and other controls which could estificially sustain the lira, reflected the IMF team's evaluation of prospects for a recovery of Italy's balance of payments if the conditions of the loan were successfully

with drawings open until the end of next year. It will prob-

ably be repayable over three

Court rules against cable groups' pacts

Final orders were made by ber of suppliers of telephone the restrictive practices court cables found they had agreein London yesterday declaring three trading agreements, at registered under the 1956 Re one time operated by manu-facturers of telephone cables. to be contrary to the public It also ordered a stay of pro-

ceedings on a new agreement between four major manufac-turers only which, it was said, bad never been operated. The "dead" agreements related to tenders for the supply

of switchboard cable and external plant telephone cable to the Post Office, and to external plant telephone cable to purchasers other than the Post Parties to the switchboard cable agreement were AEI (Cables), Connollys (Blackley), Pirelli General Cable Works, Reliance Cords and Cable and

Telephones and

Standard

Eight manufacturers were parties to the other two agree-ments: BICC, formerly British Insulated Callender Cables, Connollys (Blackley), Pirelli General Cable Works, Reliance Cords and Cables, Scottish Standard Telephones and Cables, Telephone Cables, and Belfast Cables.

The four parties to the agreement which concerned tenders for the supply of external plant telephone cable to the Post Office were BICC. Pirelli General Cable Works, Standard Telephones and Cables, and Telephone Cables. Mr Francis Ferris, for the Director-General of Fair Trad-

ing told the court president, Mr Justice Mocatta, sitting with two members, that the proceedings arose out of a reference to the Monopolies Commission in July, 1974, relating to the supply of telephone cables in the United Kingdom and the export of telephone cables. During the course of prepa-

ration for that hearing a num-

strictive Trade Practices Act. and later registered them. Those agreements had provi-sions for collusive tendering of one kind or another. One was made in 1965, and two in 1970

ments which ought to have been

and all three were terminated in December, 1974. But the principal parties concerned then negotiated a new agreement, relating to the supply of external plant rele-phone cable to the Post Office only, Mr Ferris said.

The essence of that agree ment, made in March 1975, was to provide for a selected ten derer by a procedure laid down by the parties in tenders to the Post Office. The parties, he understood, thought that this was less objectionable than the previous collusive provisions, and that agreement was regis tered.

Mr Ferris said that in November, 1975, the Restrictive Practices Court on an applicamade an order restraining the parties from giving effect to, or enforcing, or purporting to enforce, the agreements. He recalled that between March and December, 1975, the Post Office stopped placing orders and said that as a result it was understood the new agreement was not operated.

After December the Post Office resumed ordering, but only on terms that precluded any possibility of any form of collusive tendering.

Mr Ferris told the court that as far as the terminated agreements were concerned, the parties had decided that they would no. longer defend any of the provisions and were willing to give the usual undertaking nor so give effect to or entorce or purport to enforce the agreements or to make any similar

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Tough curbs have been placed on imports of clothing from India by the Government in its latest move to protect the hard-pressed clothing industry. Imports of men's woven shirts and women's shirts and

blouses—many made from fashionable cheesecloin fabrics -from India are the latest ca: uarties in the Government's attempt to meet the industry's pleas for relief from low-cost

This year imports of men's woven shirts (whether made on handlooms or in mills) will be limited to 5.45 million, and women's shirts and blouses will subject to a quota of 7.4

The move was foreshadowed last month by Mr Michael Meacher, Under-Secretary of State for Trade, during a debate on the textile industry. It follows months of pressure from the shirt sector of the clothing industry, which alleged that many of the shirts were imported under the guise of handloom products (and therefore tration by cheap imports. exempt from any quota arrangements), although it was claimed that samples had shown evi-

dence of being manufactured by modern machines. For this reason the quota

levels have been set to embrace both handboom and machine - made products, although there are to be further talks between the Community and India on the issue. Imports of both men's and women's shirts rose sharply last year and showed every sign of continuing this year. Imports of the men's product rose from 2.8 million in 1975 to 7.6 million

Mr Gareth Smith, chairman of the Shirt Manufacturers' Federation, said last night that although the level of Indian imports to be allowed this year was double the 1975 level, the

welcome It had been clear that the escalating volume of imports was posing a serious threat to the shirt industry, already suffering from 70 per cent pene-

He stressed, however, that the industry was still desperately



Mr Michael Meacher: pressure from manufacturers.

Hitachi plant plan for Britain puts Mr Varley in dilemma

The strength of protest againt plans by Hirachi to build a television assembly plant in the United Kingdom have left Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, in a dilemma.

While the television manufacturers are convinced that the plans, which at present are still thought to be fairly tentative, would lead to further plant losures and an overall loss of jobs, especially in the comconents sector, the Government is trying to attract Japanece investment as a method of cutting the massive trade imbalance between the two

Only last month, Sir Peter Carey, Permanent Secretary to the Department of Industry was in Tokyo attempting to enin 10kyo attempting to en-courage Japanese investment in Britain. Yet as soon as the prospects for a Hitachi plant leaked out, the Radio Industry Council sent a strong protest to Mr Varley demanding a meeting with him.

2.4 per cent, and compares with an increase of 3.9 per cent in

the third quarter, the Commerce

Department reported vesterday

British beef exports at the end of last year were 61 per cent lower by weight than in late 1975, the Meat and Live-stock Commission reported yes-

terday. The drop came because cattle prices in Britain were 40 per cent higher than a year before against 5 per cent in the original six EEC states. Only

8 per cent of home production was exported.

Inner city plea to MPs

A deputation from Manches

ter City Council, which recently

appointed a Director of Industrial Development and allocated a £1m budget for industrial

promotion, is to meet the city's eight MPs in London on Thurs-

day. It hopes for support to pressurise the Government into action on the industrial decline

of inner city areas, especially

Manchester.

Beef exports slump

It is thought that various union officials from within the sector are attempting to set up a meeting with British manu facturers to form a joint committee to press their case in Whilehall. Similar pressure last autumn led to curbs on monochrome set imports from Taiwan and an eventual indus-try undertaking on import levels with the Japanese.

It is the Government's policy to attract overseas investment in Britain, provided it is in the national interest and, in most cases, is willing to be located in an assistance area. The RIC feels attended the first blood of the state of the sta feels strongly that for Hitachi to set up a plant in Britain would be strongly against the national interest especially if the company were eligible for Government aid by pening a plant in an assistance area.

It is thought that Mr Varley will reply to Lord Thorney-croft, RiC chairman, in the very near future, and that he may outline his department's position when he answers Parliamentary questions on the mentary questions on the subject.

y Paul Routledge Labour Editor Colliery managers are demanding safe and un-molested access to the pits during strikes in a new code of conduct for industrial disputes, and their union has won

In a hard-line policy decision the national executive of RACM say that if other unions in the industry accepted their responsibilities coal mining would not be placed in jeopardy by official or unofficial strikes. But while the manual unions never had difficulty in calling strikes, they found it impossible to instruct members to carry to instruct members to carry out safety duries. "Had we been equally irresponsible, a great many pits would have been lost The policy statement argues that the preservation of the minues is a matter of self-interest because jobs are at

Overtime victory for pit managers

extra pay at foremen's over-time rates for any weekend work to keep strike-bound

collieries open. Leaders of the 18,000-member British Association of Colliery Management have told the National Coal Board that pit managers will insist on the right not to do work normally done by miners, except by agreement. At weekends, they are to be paid £24 for a six-hour shift doing work for which they were previously unpaid. In a hard-line policy decision

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Freeport in London's dockland?

What this means is that a large area of land is set aside for the Sir, I wonder if I can make a personal comment on London's docklands, the centre of one of the highest unemployment rates in the United Kingdom which receives no special financial kelp from Government and even the united structure of the Council. construction and development of factories within a tariff-free boundary.

Because industrialists import raw materials for manufacture

which is clearly an incentive for the willingness of my Council to help with the Pleet Line was not encouraged by Government. One thing we can afford is ideas and this is why I am writing to you to suggest that a very small amount of capital invest-Loggion small emount of capital invest-ment could provide a great deal of employment. It is an idea to reduce unemployment in the East End which could revive the development of healthy industrial growth in the heart of our capital.

The idea is to create a " free-

more money in docklands, Let us see if an inexpensive idea meets with more success. After all, Elizabeth I, a very revenue-conscious monerch, allowed sufference wharves chong the Thanes long before the EEC 1 Freeport areas have been created in several other countries with varying degrees of success but in a city that has for centuries relied on importing raw materials and importing goods for export, London must be the best possible place in the world for the growth of a freeport. Yours sincerely, ILLTYD HARRINGTON

Deputy Leader of the GLC, The County Hall, London SE1 7PB

stricted to the amount of money

required for chain links to

enclose the erea, customs posts

and publicity. The rest can be

left to the enterprise of mann.

facturing companies and local

authorities. I have tried to

encourage the development of

the Fleet Line in docklands and

persuade Government to spend

Case for an annual

From Mr H. Toch it is quite clear from the above simple equation that we shall Sir, May I support Mr Carra milize twice as much fuel energy in electrical heating man timely letter contending that our taxation structure needs reforming, irrespective of the political views of the Government in power, if inflation and unemployment is to be tackled effectively.

wealth tax

The case for an ennuel wealth tax to replace capital gains tax, investment income surcharge and possibly capital transfer tax can be made quite easily by analyzing the figures for 1975-76 which show:

mencal ones. As a thermo-dynamicist, some 15 years ago Taxes on income Capital gains tax
Estate duty and capital when I bought a new house, I decided to install gas central heating and domestic water beating after making careful analysis of the alternatives and transfer tex

Total Capital gains tax accounted for just over 2 per cent of the total and capital axes for 5) per cent of the total. When it is remembered that 25 million people have to fill in the capital gains tax sections of the annual tax return and endless time is spent by the Inland Revenue in dealing with this Revenue in orang vim mis tax, not to mention the tax-payer and his professional agent, to produce some 2 per cent of the annual tax receips, one can easily detect where the most obvious waste lies and where public expenditure can be most fruitfully cut. Yours faithfully, HENRY TOCH.

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Fuel energy consumption: a simple equation From Professor R. S. Benson

efficiency at least of 70 per. cent, and probably greater, then Sir, I am amazed by the letter from Mr L. G. Brookes (March 17), who, I presume, is a responsible person in the United King-dom Atomic Energy Authority. The question of the economics with gas heating. It is quite true that a lot of the energy available but re-jected in a power station cool-ing tower is low grade energy but this low grade energy is no different from the low grade energy in the wind, the sun and the tide from which, we of the appropriate method of heating water will depend on the costing and though this may have some technical relevance it seems to me that primarily this is a political decision. How ever, as far as resource effici-ency is concerned, assuming equal availability of all fuels, told, our future energy how anyone can state that elec-tricity is cheaper than gas for water heating leads one to doubt the advice the Govern-ment is receiving from its requirements are to come. At the end of the day decisions are not based wholly on tech-nical considerations, but on policical, social and environ-

Let the heat energy input to the water be QW. The heat energy of the fuel

energy resource groups. If you will forgive me, I would simply

efficency ETE. The gas transmission efficiency ETG.

The power station efficiency The domestic boiler efficiency

For the same heating input to the water for gas and electricity, we have the following simple equation:

the same whatever the fuel, either coal, oil, sas or nuclear fuel. If there is some other fuel he can perhaps let us QW = ETE × EPS × QF = ETG × EPB × QF Yours faithfully, If we measure our resources ROWLAND S. BENSON,

in terms of the heat energy of Professor of Mechanical Enginthe fuel, QF, and we assume that the transmission efficiency earing, (Head of Thermodynemics & for electrical power from the station to the home and from Fluid Mechanics Division) University of Manchester In-stitute of Science and Techthe gas processing plant to the home are the same, and assum-ing that the modern power station has an efficiency of about 35 per cent while the modern PO Box 88, Manchester M60 domestic water heater has an

March 17. LEGAL NOTICES In the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICES Chancery Division Mr. Justices Oliver In the Maner of EAST ASIATIC RUBBER 25/ATES Limited and In the Maner of The Companies Act, 1948.

I believe that the decision I

made then has saved me a large

One final point bow does Mr Brookes classify "very low grade input"? As far as the

engineer is concerned the class-

ification of energy input is at the level the input occurs in

the cycle and this, in a modern

er station, is approximately

sum of money.

LEGAL NOTICES No. 512 of 1977 the High Court of neary Division Gr

bargaining

Scottish plea

Employers Association, in its annual report issued yesterday, said it was essential that there should be a return to collective bargaining as soon as possible to allow individual managements their rights in bar-gaining. Mr Ben Butters, presi-dent, gave a warning that if there were to be a return with-out any restrictions it would lead to strong inflation.

When collective bargaining was resumed, the report said, it should be on the basis that reliable measures were available to ensure that salary or wage increases in reward for productivity in one establishment were not subsequently and quickly secured by employees in nelghbouring establishments as a "going settlement increase" in return for nothing.

Rising unemployment, cou-pled with factory closures and redundancies, contributed to a large measure in the acceptonce by workers of the Gov-ernment's incomes policy, which meat continued to support, in spite of the increasing diffi-culty it caused by disturbing relativities, distorting existing differentials and eroding incentive salary and wage payment

ters had escaped notice in the continuing discussions of pri-

vecy implications, Mr David Tirnherg, director of the National Computing Centre, said in London last night.

"The anticipated dramatic

growth in the use of computing in the future", he said, "will result in a great deal of com-

puting going on disguised with-

in so many end-user products that one will often not be aware

Delivering a Cantor lecture at the Royal Society of Arts, Mr Firnberg said: "The potential

for abuse clearly exists.
"No amount of legislation, however, will protect the individual from the exploitation of

private information by a totali-tarian regime, which can readily undo any constraints resulting

from legislation."
Abuse by bureaucrats seemed a more common fear. An indi-

vidual identity number, provid-

ing the means to associate the information about a verson held on various official files, would be a great aid to efficiency—

but would make it much easier for one official to gain access

to details not directly relevant to his function.

"At present, the public mood

time goes by, rembers of the public may well become less protective about many of their

Data processing managers were going to be caught between the pincers of budget-

between the pincers of budget-ary procedures and the additional costs of privacy legislation, Mr Firnberg said. "Social values are changing", he concluded, "and that which is regarded as private today may be public tomorrow. The

methods for storing, processing and accessing data evolve so

rapidly that the way we do it today is already obsolete. Who

knows bow we will do it The process of formulating

legislation, let alone amending it, are not so fleet of foot."

Computing work for 16 separate departments of the Ministry of Defence is now being centralized at the minis-try's £5.5m "Eureau West"

computer centre at Devizes,

The centre was officially opened by Sir Frank Cooper, Permanent Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence, last

It is the ministry's largest

· Bureau West 'centre

of its existence."

Warning on threat to

privacy by NCC chief

for collective Steel production rises slightly

two months of this year rose marginally compared with the corresponding period of last year among member countries of the International Iron and Steel Institute (IISI).

Figures issued last night by the IISI showed that in the first two months of this year output rose by 0.8 per cent to 69,330,000 metric tons compared with 68,764,000 tons in January and February last year.

But overall production in February showed a fall on the previous month's output and was also below the levels reached in February, 1976, according to the HSI, whose members account for 65 per cent of world crude steel production and about 98 per cent of world production excluding Russia, China, North Korea and other

eastern block states.
Total IISI production in February was 33,726,000 tonsdown 5.1 per cent on the January total of 35,613,000 rons and 1.8 per cent less than the 34,352,000 tons in February a year earlier.

January building orders well down There was nothing to relieve the construction industry's gloom in yesterday's figures from the Department of the Environment on orders for

Computer news

computer centre, and one of the most powerful in Europe.

It houses an ICL 2980 machine, the largest model in the 2900 range, linked to terminals at

The centre is operated by the Royal Navy on behalf of the ministry. One of the largest users will be the RN Supply and Transport Service, which

is developing a centralized stock-control system for almost

The 2980 was installed at Devizes in mid-1975, and has been providing a regular daily service since February 1976. In passed its initial site trials, at

the second attempt, last November, and was accepted by the

comments, was about a year later than planned. Perfor-mance testing to check that the

that, to cope with an expected tenfold increase in defence com-

the work.
"Bureau West" emerged as

Univac to buy Varian?

Announcing this yesterday, Varian said that the proposal was being considered. No au-

nouncement is expected for "some weeks".

Davy Computing, the Shef-field-based computer services company which is owned by Davy International, is now mar-keting the AD 380 graphics system developed by Auto-trol Corporation, Denver, Colorado. This is a combined hardware.

This is a combined hardware

Kenneth Owen

software package which provides computer-aided engineering drawing. It uses a Varian V70 minicomputer. Price of a typical two-station system would

be about £140,000.

Graphics package

The Univac division of Sperry Rand has approached Varian Associates with a view to pur-chasing their minicomputer sub-sidiary, Varian Data Machines.

the first such centre,

Central Computer Agency This, the Ministry of Defence

place soon.

"The public mood also seeks greater efficiency by its administrators, and fumes at the endless form-filling.

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one million stores items.

the various user locations.

January. Put provisionally at wards to a seasonally-adjusted £609m they were, on a season-ally adjusted basis, the lowest

In the three months since November, November, public housing orders were down 5 per cent on the previous quarter while private orders slumped 10 per cent Compared with last year the November to January figures for public housing were down 24 per cent and private housing 15 per cent.

The public sector housing figures reflect the curbs on spending while the private sector has been hit by high mortgage rates.

WHS drive in Holland

W. H. Smith & Son, which is looking to its Dutch operation to provide a base for more expansion into Europe opened a sixth store in Holland this mooth. The new shop of just over 7,000 sq ft is at Enschede, a medium-sized market town, population 105,000, about seven miles from the West German miles from the West German border. The chain, trading under the Sims name has been developed by WHS in a joint venture with Eksevier, the Dutch publishing company.

Revised US output up America's real gross national product increase for the fourth quarter of 1976 was revised up-

A recent report revealed that Greater Manchester, having lost about 100,000 jobs in the decade up to 1972, had subsequently been losing employment opportunities at the rate of about 5,000 a year COMPANY NOTICES

BRASGAN LIMITED

Notice to Holders of Share Warrants to Bearer

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The Directors of Brascan have determined that all dividends payable on Class A Shares after February 1, 1977, will be fuld to holders of Beares Warrants only upon surrender of such fector Warrants (with Coupons Serial Nos. 154-160, both inclusive, and Talons attached) in exchange for IDR's or for registered Share Certificates.

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(For Account No. 1990/20 of Morgan Gunnarty Trust Company of New York, Britisties)

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Limited, Montreal, Canada, on Wednesday, the 30th day of April,
1977, at the hour of 11,00 clock
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action of business generally.

Dated at Montreal, Canada, the Dated at Montreal, Canada, this 31st day of January, 1977.

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Dated the 21st day of March, 1977.

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WINDING-UP ORDER MADE Monday the 28th February, 1977.

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W. J. CERRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

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Dated this 21st day of March.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Stock markets hate uncertainty

A stock market which had con-vinced itself that it could live happily for the moment with this Labour Government has been knocked off its comfortable perch. Hence, yesterday morning's sharp crack in the indices, though it is noteworthy that the early selling soon dried

are now on tenderbooks pending the creniel vote of confidence essiorrow night. One can trace this neurotic state of mind to a number of fears, even, ironically, fear of the Conservatives, For no one is yet clear about their economic and fiscal policies, let alone whether a Thatcher administration could strike the same sort of pay bargain with the workforce that the market expected this Gov-ernment would ultimately have been able to agree with the

But the overriding fear is that of uncertainty. Stock markets or uncertainty, stock markets hate uncertainty, and there is going to be much more of it in the coming weeks then anyone had bargained for.

But at the end of the day, how much room for sudden manoeuvre would e new Consarvative administration have?
Not as much as it would like perhaps given that the IMF loan terms still stand.
So, if much of the thinking behind the present bull market.

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—casier interest rates, a relaxation of dividend restraints and the hope that the Government would be able to come up with a stage three wages policymake been thrown back into the making pot, those investors pre-nared to weather a sew stormy weeks should be justified in doing so. If the Government fails expect the market to be rolatile, but hopefully holding a "floor" of around 400 in FT

And if Mr Callaghan's admini-stration survives and people start taiking about the inevita-bility of an entumn election, don't count on the merket retaining the same sort of exuberance as we have seen so far this year.

Monetary items

Bank

From the looks of the first report from working party K of the Inflation Accounting Steering Group, the parties now considering the application of inflation accounting procedures to the banks find themselves swkwardly positioned between the devil and the deep blue sta. On the one hand they have been bound—if somewhat ten-

nonsity by their terms of reference, to consider any adjustments made to maintain of the banks' free capital to their monetary assets within the framework of ED 18. Effectively that means that

any adjustments made must be made below the line not a concept to recommend liself to commercial bankers scurely conscious of the impact of tax on unadjusted profits, and perennially jump about the effects of those self-same pro-fits on public opinion. Hence the strong line taken by the four reprisentatives from the commercial banks on the working party, in favour of a deduction to provide for the main-tenance of their "free capital", tanance of their week hime.
in real terms, above the line.

On the other hand any move to exclude the banks from the application of ED18 which the working party as a whole recog-nises as one solution of this dilemma-is in affect going to drive a coach and horses through the concept of a uni-fied system of inflation account-

Thus the working party, while recognising that there is some force in the commercial



Mr Ian Fraser, chairman of Rolls-Royce Motors: strong gains from sterling's fall.

monetary banking assets are

analogous to stock in trade, also recognises that the banks' posi-tion is only unique in being at one end of the monetary item spectrum. Other businesses may wish to carry net monetary of prudence to refrain from doing so: and they too might reasonably lay claim to exclusion from the exposure draft.

With the nature of the dilemma thus exposed the working party has take othe sensible course in heaving to to wait for other options. But ar some point in the next few months the hard choice will have to be made, for inflation is likely to be with us for a long time yet.

Turner & Newall

sums

Turner & Newall has split the source of its profits further than the usual divisional analysis by detailing the returns from major subsidiaries and throwing in CCA adjustments for good

measure.

The effect is to provide a much clearer picture of the improvement so far, and to show up the crude reduction in group historic profits of £35.4m to £15.4m to £15.1m on CCA as a rather misleading simplification.

The surprise is that the strong

recovery areas of last year, Ferodo and British Industrial Plastics, which helped the 64 per cent increase in historic profits, were still making only a mesgre real return.

That should mean that there

is a considerable way still to go. The 20 per cent increase in volume in plastics followed a very depressed previous year and Ferodo should be just beginning a long haul to saris-factory profitability, while the £1\mathred{m} CCA loss in the TAC Construction materials subsidiary shows the real impact of work ing well below capacity.
The CCA reduction on over-

seas companies and from eagineering components, is not nearly so great, but had it not been for the exceptional cash inflows from the sale of shares

With the FT 30 share index breaking through 420 last week and all the talk suggesting a run up towards the 450 level ahead of the Budget, Commercial Union was able to arrange underwriting for its Estates underwriting for its Estates House Investment Trust bid on very tight terms. Yesterday's market relapse, however, left the underwriters' position looking rather less attractive. For though the shares came off the bottom during the afternoon to close a net 4p lower at 120p, they had earlier been down to 117p. That compares with an underwriting price of 114p, but before the offer closes the share price will also have some ex the final dividend of 4.32p.

rights issue, there would have been a cash ourflow last year when capital spending was only

This year 130m is planned plus a major acquisition in the United States, and although the increase in working capital is likely to be less than lest year's 222m; the cash balances of £48m are going to be substantially rim down. nally run down.

Given that the timing of the

share sale and rights must have been at least partly fortuitous, T and N has been given the chance to do major counter-cyclical investment which cur-rent returns do not justify but, which chauld be appreciated. which should be amply repaid when volume increases. Turner and Newall looks like

a company on the verge of a substantial growth phase which is not discounted by the 9 per cent yield with the shares at 156p, particularly as without the exceptional pension provision last year, the dividend would have been covered on CCA earnings. Accounts: 1976 (1975)

Accounts: 1970 (1975)
Capitalization £124.4m —
Net assets £171.1m (£135.2m)
Borrowings £22.0m (£47.4m)
Pre-tax profit £35.4m (£21.6m)
Earnings per share 20.28p
(15.42p)

Rolls-Royce Motors

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Odd man

be the odd-man-out of the Eritish-owned car industry in that it actually manages to go on notching up handsome profit increases. Spurred on by the news of progress in export markets, outside estimates have been steadily upgraded in the

last month.

Like the cars themselves, however, it is evidently better to travel than arrive and after rising a tenth last week the charac eaced in to 76 p yestershares eased ip to 76ip yesterday on the 58 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £9.13m.

True, almost all the rise in profits came from buoyant over-seas car markets, United States and the Middle East especially, with the rest of the business in diesels and aero components slipping back. And although R-R itself is

unwilling to quantify the benefits from sterling's frailty, difference between earlier mar-ket estimates of £7 m and the eventual conturn is down to sterling.

The current year won't see the same boost from sterling but against that R-R should be getting back its 7-per cent trend growth in output-after slipping back to 4 per cent ris last year after industrial difficulties at its Willesden plant

So far so good, But R-R is in a cash-hungry phase at present, as evidenced by all the recent funding operations, and as much depends on the look of the balance sheet as the trading out-

All we know in advance of next week's accounts is that borrowings have fallen thanks to last year's rights issue, cut-ting interest charges film or more along the way, while the for medium-term facility has not yet been touched. That coupled with cath flow and deferred tax of a smiler amount has to be seen in the context of capital spending this year of

The historic p/e ratio of 8.7 could fall three points this year as the new big diesels come into their own and the new higher margin Silver Shadow model comes into full production, while the yield is now down to 7.7 per cent Final: 1976 (1975)

Capitalization £39.5m. Sales £104.5m (£79.7m) Pre-tax profits £9.13m (£5.79m) Barnings per share 8.79p (7.16p) Dividend gross 5.92p (5.38p)

been rebuffed. He affirmed that his bid, which is one of five in

recent years, "involves not only commercial purpose but the

firm intention to consolidate the relationship and friendship

between our countries".

Mitchell, a leading opponent
of Argentinian pretensions to

the Falkands, says that both Saravia and Capozzolo probably

have pledges of financial sup-port from the Argentinian gov-eroment. Either offer is seen

by FIC as an effort further to unsettle the 2,000 islanders,

persuading them to emigrate

ahead of some political deal between the Argentinians and

tne Foreign and Commonwealth

Any such sale of FIC, which

owns nearly half of the Falk-

lands' only substantial industry,

sheep farming, would have to be cleared with the governor,

James Parker, and with the Foreign and Commonwealth

Office under exchange control

Even if the office, Charring-

Inflation accounting: the anxious wait for guidance on profits tax

tants and industrialists have material because taxable protent showing up as deferred would no longer be needed,
been anxiously awaiting word fits will be expressed on an tax. In 1975-76, for instance, except over minor timing diffrom the Inland Revenue on entirely different basis. There the Inland Revenue took ferences, if the tax saving was the subject of corporation tax. A consultative document was expected first in January and then February; now the Revenue says that, although the document will be coming ultimately, it cannot say when.
Hopes in the City that the
Revenue might reveal its position on the vital question of

posmon on the vical question of taxing profits under inflation accounting have, however, been pitched too high. Contrary to general belief, it has never been the Revenue's intention to look into this thorny is the although some talks have issue, akhough some talks have been held with accountancy bodies

-Its brief has been merely to investigate how the present temporary system of tax relief on suck appreciation, intro-duced in the Budget of November 1974, could become part of a permanent system.
To allow plenty of time for
consultation the Chancellor
last year extended the stock relief scheme for a further two

though the Revenue is drag-ging its feet, there is not much reason for urgency. If the programme for introducing inflanion accounting proceeds according to plan, the first companies will begin reporting current cost results for their financial periods starting after July 1 next year.

But while it may look as

is very little point in the Revenue devoting its time and effort to formalizing a system which is half way along the road to inflation accounting when the real thing is only just around the corner.

ment to a more permanent form of stock appreciation relief has adready caused deep confusion. It will persist whether the next Pinance Bill is introduced by Mr Healey or a Tory Chancellor. The specific problem has arisen in the com-plex field of deferred tax—the tax that companies ultimately may be liable to pay, but not With effect from the begin-ning of last year the accoun-tancy profession introduced a

new accounting standard covering deferred tax, known as SSAP 11. It required companies to show tax on their profits at the full rate before stock appreciation relief or capital The standard had not, how-

ever, been tailored to deal with the huge volume of deferred tax which built up as a result of stock relief. It meant that a yawning gulf was opening up between the tax that companies actually paid and the amount they had to show in their accounts.
Compared with a notional

tax rate of 52 per cent most From then on the question companies have been paying December simply suggested

the Inland Revenue took £1,995m in corporation tax, while companies made gross trading profits in 1975 of £12,165m. No less than a third of these profits were made up of a rise in the value of stocks. That Chancellor's indication

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that companies would not be expected to pay the deferred tax built up as a result of stock relief only served to emphasize the abstrdity of SSAP 11. Some companies openly ignored it, despite the threat of an auditor's qualification to their accounts, and eventually, last October, the Consultative Committee of Accounting Bodies amounced

would never have to pay.

In some cases the effect on balance sheets and earnings Portland, the West country building materials and construction group, for example, was able almost to halve its balance sheet gearing and increase its earnings per share by no less than two thirds.

Happily, current cost accounting should sweep the problem away. The exposure drait on CCA published last

likely to continue for the foreseeable future.

But the question of how much tax companies will acutally have to pay remains. Indeed, at this stage there is only the haziest estimate of serious estimates of the kind what will happen to profits of corporation tax rate that under CCA. The accountants would be necessary to maintain have done no work on this-admittedly it is not really their problem—and it would appear that the Inland Revenue has not either.

The best published estimate so far has come from stock-brokers Phillips & Drew, who have calculated that the aggregate pre-tax profits of a group of 120 big companies would be Accounting Bodies announced of 120 big companies would be standard and looking at the cut by about 45 per cent in 1976 and about 40 per cent in

Since then a growing 1977.

number of companies have It is by no means clear taken to adding back to profit whether the Revenue would the part of their deferred tax aim to fix a new corporation tax take was little changed from the present one, net of stock relief. But Phillips & Drew estimated that, if the Revenue stuck to its present 52 per cent rate, earnings would fall more sharply than profits—by 55 per cent last year and 50 per cent this.

For very rough and ready purposes to has been widely assumed that the amount of tax companies would have to pay under CCA would not be very different from the actual payments at present. To that

an effective inflation accountferences, if the tax saving was ing system for tax purposes. But even this much is far from clear. Too few companies have yet worked out what their profits would look like under inflation accounting for it to be possible to give any

> the present income to the Revenue. One which has, tool group Record Ridgway, reckoned that if it paid tax on its current cost profits equal to those on its historic cost profits less its stock relief profits It would face a corporation tax rate of no less than 77 per Cent

> On a basic 52 per cent tax rate, Phillips & Drew estimated that 40 per cent of its sample would not be earning enough to cover present levels of divi-dend. Clearly, if the rate was pitched higher, even more companies could be in dividend trouble.
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> The hope has been that Mr

Healey would give companies some indication of where they stand in his budget speech, even if only in the form of general guidelines. He or his successor ought at least to make sure that the present Inland Revenue efforts with stock relief are more fruitfully diverted into the field of infla-

Christopher Wilkins

Eric Wigham

A timely call for synchronized pay settlements

The Confederation of British Industry is now discussing the first draft of a report intended to open a national discussion on the future form of pay bargaining. Unions affiliated to the TUC have for their part recently received a consultative document listing suggestions for changes in the TUC struc-

The two papers have no The two papers have no direct connexion and neither makes possible proposals for immediate action. That of the CBI, after it has been to its Employment Policies Communication. Employment Policies Com-mittee, will be debated within the organization as a prelimin-ary to talks with the TUC and the government and within the National Economic Development Council The aim is to present it to the CBI's council meeting at the end of next month. That of the TUC will be dis-

cussed at a special conference f two representatives from each union on April 28. In the light of that discussion the gencouncil will prepare proposals for the annual congress in September. The papers have this in com-

best be done to remedy defects in the present system of wage aettlement. The CBI is tackling basic questions over the widest possible field; the TUC is facing criticisms from a number of unions of the way it handles pay negotiations with the Governo The CBFs objective is to find

something better than the resent alternation of restrictive incomes policies followed by an explosion and a few years of "grab-by-all", leading to economic crisis and yes another The confederation's 60-page

document covers the relation-ship of pay policy to other elements in economic policy such as taxation, the advantages of centralized and decentralized systems, the role of the Governsystems, the role of the Government and the CBI and TUC, public sector bargaining, implications for the social security system, the possibility of new institutions to deal with relativities, the relationship between collective bargaining and employee participation and the possible synchronization of pay settlement dates.

Lord Watkinson, president of the CBI, referring to the inquiry a few weeks ago, singled out synchronization of wage agree-ments for special mention. This reminded me that 10 years ago this month a conference of trade union executives approved a TUC general council report which said: "It may be possible for the unions concerned with major and significant claims to submit and negotiate them simultaneously after pre-liminary consultations among themselves and with the TUC.

This was the conference at which the union leaders, fed up with the statutory restraints of the theu Labour Government, decided to run their own incomes policy. They also talked about a greater degree of uni-fication of conditions, including minimum wage rates, the normal working week, overtime rates, annual holidays, supplementary pensions and sick pay through consultation between the TUC and CBL.

This is the most fruitful set of proposals that has come out of any trade union movement in any country at any time ", said George Woodcock, who was the TUC general secretary at the time—but little of it stuck.

Nothing more has been heard from the TUC of "simultaniety coordination of wage claims", as Mr Woodcock called it. The TUC's members have talked about it among them-selves from time to time, but considered the difficulties of accommodating different bar-gaining structures and timetables greater than the possible advantages. Yet there is a strong case to

be made for Mr Woodcock's view that synchronization would be a big influence in regulating the "unregulated jungle of wage negotiations".

It would do a great deal more than stop leapfrogging in major claims, which is probably what arracts employers most. Some of them are more interested in synchronization of local claims within a company or industry.

Presenting claims at various periods of the year, as at present, means that bargaining often takes place in different nomic circumstances.

Coordinating wage claims would inevitably involve central

cause of the relevance of taxa-tion and social policy, the Gov-ernment would have to be brought in. Eres collective bargaining would take place within a coordinated frame-work. This framework would have to take account of special cases, which would involve a return to the idea of some form of relativities board. How the framework was ap-

plied—for instance, whether to give priority to the low paid or to differentials—would be worked out within industries or companies. Problems such as those of the

Leyland toolmakers are not insoluble. Many companies have been introducing agreed job evaluation schemes which all concerned believe to be more or less fair. But, obviously, the more a wage structure has been allowed to get out of hand, the more difficult it becomes, particularly in times of restraint.

If the TUC case for an accepted ratio between the pay

were expanded to provide ratios all the way down the scale, that would help. The main cause of trouble with incomes policies so far is that they have been introduced hurriedly to meet emergency

conditions and have created

anomalies and unfairness on the

assumption that some time, somehow, it will be possible to return to the jungle of free col-lective bargaming. A properly designed permanent policy would avoid doing that because it would be based on agreed principles.

discussed in its paper, would help to bring that about by averting the resentment of small and middle-sized unions who feel they have not been pro-perly consulted by the leaders of the big ones, who negotiate the social contract with the Government, though whether the big unions would regard a major change as acceptable re-

A reformed TUC structure,

Synchronization of claims would avoid the injustices caused by settlements coming Accepted pay ratios would stop both the unreasonable compression of differentials and the grievances of the poorly paid asked to exercise restraint while others are paid what sound like huge salaries.

It may be unlikely the CBI will put forward all these radi-cal proposals or obtain agreement on them if it does. But radical changes are necessary if a fair and economic system of wage determination is ever to be achieved.

The fact that for two years both sides of industry have voluntarily accepted arrangements full of anomalies and injustices suggests that a permanent system, made as fair as possible, would be acceptable if a lead were given. A third phase of the present policy could be designed to move

County Bank Limited



"Professional guidance and financial support for British Industry on an expanding scale" Extracts from the Statement of Mr. Sidney Wild.

Chairman of County Bank, in the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1976.

uplift in profits from £2.29 million in 1975 to £4.27 million in 1976. After tax and after payment of dividends of £591,000 to the parent company retained profits of £1,561,000 have been added to reserves. The Balance Sheet as at 31 December 1976 shows total capital and reserves of £15.8 million and total assets of over £494 million. Gross revenue was higher again, attributable to a greater volume of advances (at margins which, on the whole, were a little finer than last year) and to increased contributions from the Corporate Advisory and Investment Divisions. I can, therefore, describe 1976 as a year of progress and consolidation.

It is pleasing to be able to report a strong

Review of Divisions Corporate Advisory Division again

gained a very satisfactory number of new clients during the year and advised in a good proportion of the year's rights issues and merger and takeover operations. Although the growth of our advances fell

short of expectations in 1976, there are now signs of reviving demand for the services of our Finance Division. The main objective of this Division is the provision of term money for productive industry with an emphasis on capital investment and exports. During the year we have also continued our support for industry by making further investments ourselves in the equity of both listed and unlisted companies, and this aspect of Finance Division's activity is becoming increasingly important. We were pleased to have co-managed during the year a sterling syndication of £100 million for capital investment in the North of England, one of the few major sterling syndications of last

Several new funds were placed under the management of our Investment Division during 1976 and total funds under management are now in the region of

underwriting and dealing activities has shown a very gratifying increase. We have participated as underwriters in the majority of eurodollar bond issues in 1976, and we have also underwritten a substantial number of United States domestic equity

£900 million, income from U.K. and foreign

All three United Kingdom branches -

Edinburgh, Leeds, Manchester - have made significant contributions to our business in 1976, and it is particularly pleasing that Edinburgh has achieved this during its first year of operation.

Abroad, we have opened a representative office in Dubai, and from this base we look forward to servicing our clients' requirements in the Middle East.

Interest rates have now fallen sharply

from the peak levels of last autumn, but it seems unlikely that there will be any further substantial decline in rates in the coming months. I do not believe that the cost of borrowing on the terms we are now able to offer should be regarded by any progressive management as a deterrent to investment, provided other criteria can be satisfied. Inflation is still with us, however, and this continues to cast doubts upon the adequacy of real returns on capital investment projects, and must remain the prime target for action by the authorities.

As a growing merchant bank we are providing advice, professional guidance and financial support to British Industry on an expanding scale. We aim to give our clients an additional and independent view when sharing with them the responsibility for reaching key decisions on financial and investment matters. We expect to have a busy year in 1977.

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Business Diary: Tomorrow's men • Isles full of noises

What odds the Government's if there was to be a return to surviving tomorrow's vote of confidence—and, if they lose, what chance of cooperation with the unions?

Bumping into Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and Rugh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, at lunch yesterday, Business Diary's Ross Davies asked them what they thought It was, after all, at a function to mark the: publication of a new cacyclopedia, the Mitchell Beazley Joy of Knowledge Library, and who could pretend to greater knowledge of affairs than Jones and Scaulon? A hoarse Jack Jones croaked that he preferred to wait and see, although earlier on he had said he was worned by the loss of his voice "in case there's a general election".

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Scanlon said he was a pessimist by nature and was thus prepared for the worst, by which one can only suppose that he meant there would be a general election if not a sub-sequent victory for Mrs Thatcher.

Asked how he could possibly cooperation with the Government to his people when that Government was no longer Jim Callaghan's, Scanlon said that it wasn't a matter of personalities but of policies. Although one could presume what Mrs Thatcher's policies were, he for one did not really

Jones said that he thought they were likely to be Sir Keith Joseph's policies rather than Mrs Thatcher's and would involve public spending cuts more stringent by far than Labour's. To this Scanlon replied that

an unfertered market economy. with no price controls instead -trols, then fair enough: many people would suffer, though he thought it unlikely that they would be Jones's members or his own engineers.

Lension cable

Frank Mitchell was unimpressed by the reports yesterday that Argentinian businessman me Argentinan obsiness.can Francisco Capozzolo had "con-firmed" negotiations at "the the highest company level" to buy The Falkland Islands Com-

of the company and said he knew of no such negotiations. One of the directors is John Dowling, chief executive of the parent company, Charrington ndustrial Holdings.

yet another would be buyer from Argentina, Cesar Cao Saravia, who has already once



pany.

Mitchell is managing director

Only yesterday morning Mitchell received a cable from

tons and the Argentinians were party to a deal, there remains Robin Pitaluga's Falkland Islands' Sheepowners' Associa-tion: It has first option to buy out FIC and, elthough Pitaluga says that the association coes not have the money, Mitchell is confident that City and private interests would weigh in to

regulacions.

Upmarket?

Down in Dallas, Texas, where the undemonstrative Trammell Grow, one of America's higgest property developers, has his headquarters, the file marked Surrey Docks London , is being dusted off The cost of Crow's scheme

for a "merchandizing mart" (market) was put at £300m a year ago after 10 years, negoration for land and permissions. The project seemed all set, but with interest rates rocketing in was put on ice.

The word from Dallas is that although interest rates have softened, it is still not time to come off the fence. Crow's experts also want to be sure that ancial and trading conditions will remain reasonably stable for the 10 to 15 years they need to break into profit. But the next few months could bring a decision one way

or the other. Certainly increasing keenness for the scheme is being shown by the Greater London Council and the London Borough of Southwark, which now own the 136 ecres involved at the docks and on which et the docks and on which Transmell Crow has an option Nicholas Knowland, the Tram-

mell Crow marketing director in the United Kingdom, says that the idea is to invest an initial £40m in a 13 million sq ft building in dockland for manent trade exhibitions of home furnishings, giftware, clocking and household goods. The total Survey Docks scheme envisages a 6 million sq

ft mart, plus 600,000 square feet of exhibition space. Eventually warehousing, offices, shops and hotels for the business visitor would be added. Transmell Crow sees no clash with other United Kingdom

exhibition centres such as the National Exhibition Centre at Birmingham or the recently opened Wembley Centre, because these do not offer Not everybody would agree,

however. Crow's 1.5 million so ft more in Brussels is said to be doing well after two years' operation. Success in the London docks could well reinforce the astractions of the capital at Birmingham's cost. Crowned colony

Four members of the Hongkong team which triumphed in the weekend final of the Institute of Bankers' International Bank-ing Game fly home today. They take with them the Banking Game Cup and a cash prize of

It is the first time since its inception in 1974 that an over-seas team has got in to the final of the game, let alone won.

The game simulates, with the aid of a computer, decisions and their consequences for a branch looking for profit. The Hongkong team—John Menzies, Francis Hung, A. Fraser King, and George Pearson, all of The Chartered Bank, and Dominic Ho of Rainier International to of Kainer International— quite comfortably beat the com-petition from Bistol, the City of London, Preston and Leeds, emerging at the end of the day's play with a notional profit of £709,700.

for Industry how many copies of Conservative Monthly News are purchased by his depart-ment to keep ministers and civil servants informed of current Conservative policy and think-(Commons question from Patrick Wall, Conservative member for Haltemprice). Answer from Leslie Huckfield (Under-Secretary): "None".

"To ask the Secretary of State

Europa

Community's big four facing lengthy convalescence

health. This could be said to summarize the economic fore tlements, which will depress casts for the four larger coun-

shows widely-differing readings in every country, which merely demonstrates how uncertain

for this year, which cannot be fering bias of the forecasters.

Increases in gross national product in West Germany—to give just one example—range from mally be described as stagnarion. 3 to 6 per cent.

last month. The European Com- British mission has drawn its own conclusions from this and revised price rises. its economic guideline for 1977 down from 4 to 31 per centnot sufficient to put the Community on a path for full employment.

For this reason the prog-(particularly from government sources) are now more closely linked than hefore with a remedy, in other words with proposals for additional stimulation of growth.

WEST GERMANY: Despite continuing high unemployment figures, the federal govern-ment is still refraining from crisis measures, although most experts believe that its goal of

Recovery is under way, but an annual average of 850,000 it will be some time before will be almost impossible.

The government is sticking to its forecast of 5 per cent growth, despite high wage settries of the European tional measures are only likely community.

The barometer of opinion shows widely-differing readings

BRITAIN: The British are to demonstrates how uncertain the estimates are.

One consequence of this is despite spare capacity the British Government's hands are for this year, which cannot be explained entirely by the dif-

of the year.

The latest forecasts are North Sea oil and exports. slightly lower than those of Owing to the fall in the pound, British goods have become competitive, in spite of large

PRANCE: Paris is not offi-

Bonn, but the French government is another that would be glad to see its largest foreign customer doing more for imports. The government has recently revised its growth forecasts downward (from 4.8 to 3.5 per cent). Contrary to expectations by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Franch hope to get their inflation rate down as low as 7.5 per cent. Industrial production is not likely to begin rising again until the second half of the

ITALY: In Italy things are going better than expected and better than the government deserves. Instead of the zero growth prediction, other fore-casters consider an increase of 2 per cent in gross national product possible this year The federation of industries thinks a 3 per cent grown in indus-trial production probable in

Hans-Jürgen Mahnke

Total

ECONOMIC FORECASTS FOR 1977						
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oes national product ivale consumption resiment in plant and	4.5 4.3	3	0.9 -0.6	-1.5	8.7 19.7	4.3 10.5
nachinery ports	5.0 8.0 9.0	1.5 7.25 6.0	-2.5 5.4 3.2	-1.0 8.0 -1.0	18.2 11.9 16.1	10.4
nsumer price index iges employment (600)	4.0 over 8	0.75	14.2 12.0 1500	31-53	7.7	5.8 7.379

(5) Manufacturers Hanover Trust (March), nominal rates of che No figures evaluable

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Shares reel under confidence vote and docks

tomorrow night's vote in Parliament, compounded by the threat of a national dock strike, proved too much for equities which had their worst day for five weeks.

Selling was not heavy and mainly professional, but some large and widespread losses were recorded and, by the close, the FT index stood 14.1 lower gain-hunting and news that a leading firm of bookmakers had shortened their odds on a Gov-erament victory had brought a brief rally around lunchtime, but it was not sustained.

With the benefits of price increases now coming through, the market has raised its expectations from Associated Portland Cement, due to report preliminary figures today. The original profit turget was set at 145m, against 146.6m, but some are now looking for a figure between £52m and £54m. The shares held up well at 188p.

In the gilt-edged market, most of the selling was concentrated at the short end, where it was described as "quite heavy". In spite of an attempted lunchtime rally, most "shorts "closed a full point lower. "Long " dates saw less business and by the end had managed to halve earlier losses which had stretched up to a full point. The political uncertainty hit nationalization stocks like Swan Hunter, off 8p to 82p, Yarrow 10p to 202p and Robb Caledon 10p to 70p. But Hawker Siddleley beld up comparatively well with a drop of just 2p to 514p.

industrial leaders were hit in light trading. Among the worst were Unilever

Direct

Exports

penny off at 764n, a solid per-formance on the day.

The prospect of Japanese competition did nothing for EMI which shed 5p to 216p, while other electricals to lose ground were GEC 7p to 179p and International Computers which ended 5p lower at 200p. Standing out against the trend was Rank which rose 4p to 190p.

After last week's strong rise, which sprang from the denied rumour that it was about to sell off its Formica business, De La Rue succumbed to profit-taking, dropping 15p to 345p. Elsewhere in papers, Bowater gave up 10p, for a close of 190p.

Stores, strong of late on tax

(and par value)

Beatson, Clark (25p) Fin 2.99.
Colemco Trust Int, Dist.
Courntey, Pope (20p) Int 1.0

R. Green Props (10p) Int 0.5
Jamesons Chochis (10p) Fin 2.06
Lawtex (25p) Int 1.5
Low & Benar (50p) Fin 6.5
Mila Massiers (50p) Int 2.5
Mila Massiers (50p) Int 1.37
Rolls-Royce Mars (25p) Fin 2.2

Rights & Issues (25p) Fin 1.93*
Rights & Issues (25p) Fin 0.09†
Dividends in this table are shown

Earnings

(and bar same)

Profit

before Tax per £1 stock unit

14p to 460p, Beecham 9p to 8p to 216p and British Home 433p, ICI 9p to 349p and Fisous Stores down 6p to 179p.

In bids, Shellabear Price were marked up 4p to 44p on toolmakers did. Fixle for the terms from Eiwater, while trodimakers did. likele for the motors section with the share itself giving up 3p to 25p and Lucas being lowered 9p to 249p and Smiths Industries 5p to 132p. Better-than-expected figures had Rolls-Royce just a penny off at 764p, a solid performance on the day.

The prospect of Japanese competition did nothing for 22p and, after the chairman's statement, Tace where the rise was 64p to 154p.

was 64p to 154p.

Tea shares had the additional surprise. Here Warren Tea lost 13p to 145p, Assam Investments 8p to 80p, and McLeod Russel 15p to 200p. But Brooke Bond

held firm at 52p.

Another hit by the events in India was Attack Oil which lost 10p to 86p. Elsewhere in the oil sector, BP was particularly bit by United States influences and closed no less than 30p lower at 834p. There was also Stores, strong of late on tax concession hopes, were not immune to the general slide, though Mothercare did manage to hold on to 254p. But others with Gus "A" off sood at 295p.

Latest dividends

6.11 2.1 1.25 1.0 1.66 0.06

Over in the financial sector, the banks fell to lower levels with Midland off 10p to 280p. with Midland off 10p to 230p, Barclays 8p to 260p, National Westminster 8p to 238p and Lloyds 5p to 210p. Provident Financial was a weak spot at 71p, down 5p, while the discount houses gave ground markedly with Alexanders 6p lower at 208p, Allen Harvey & Ross 5p off at 410p and Cater Ryder 10p down at 255p.

After strong figures, Beatson Clark jumped 6p to 92p, while results were also good for rises in Jameson Chocolates at 41p and Lawter which rose 3p to

and Lawter which rose 3p to 33p. Ahead of figures, Booker McComnell shed 8p, for a close of 138p.

The rumous that Davy Inter-national was about to sell its new 30 per cent holding in British Rollmakers, in hite with the three-year-old Monopolies Commission ruling, to a poten-tial bidder, is beginning to look a bit stale and market men are beginning to suspect that Davy will place its holding with

ted 10p on talk that Sir James Goldsmith was talking to Pru-

London United Investments held steady at 79p after the denial of a bid approach. Equity turnover on March 18 was £75.19m (18,308 bargains). was £75.19m (18,308 bargains).
According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks vesterday
were Distillers, BAT Ind, BAT
Dfd, GEC floating rate notes,
Lucas, GMH, Marks & Spencer.
Courtaulds, Dunlop, Reed,
Shell, BP, ICL Swan Hunter,
Yarrow, Hawthorn Lessie,
Lewes, Finley, McLood, Bussie, James Finlay, McLeod Russel, Tace, Trust & Agency, Warren Holdings, De La Rue, Rolls-Royce and Wm. Press.

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. On income shares. †On capital shares. ‡Adjusted for scrip.

Beatson Clark romps home as margins pull round

By Tony May
Another record year for the
Beatson, Clark glass-container group looked certain after the 106 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £614,000 at half time. And so it proves.

Although the pace of growth slowed to 50 per cent in the second half, profits for the period, at £1.1m, are higher than for the whole of last year.

All this leaves are true of the second half, and the whole of last year.

ember; but the firm grip taken by the board on expenditure was also a big factor.

The company is raising the dividend from 6.45p to 7.09p gross, while earnings a share have jumped from 12.4p to 20p.

The outlook for the current year seems good with the direc-tors reporting that demand both at home and in export merkets continues "encouragingly high" for all products. Other factors All this leaves pre-tax profits for the year to January 1 at for all products. Other factors are a fresh increase in prices are a fresh increase in prices are a fresh increase in prices starting from April 1, and the likely restarting of another machine line bringing the total to 12.2 per cent for the full year.

One reason for this was the

Bid for John Stephen

By Desmond Quigley

A bid of "not less than 4p"

a share is to be made for neur bought into Stephen last troubled bourique chain John Stephen of London by Mr

Bichael Schall a group director. Stephen of London by Mr Bichael Sobell, a group director. Mr Sobell doubled his hold-

Stephen of London by Mr Bichael Sobell, a group director. Mr Sobell doubled his holding in the group earier this month with a further 29.9 per from the board last year on cent stake in Stephen from the receiver of fashion group House of Sears.

Yesterday Stephen's shares lost ip to 5ip, having traded between 3ip and 7p over the last year. The group's assets once brash and stylish self.

Authorized the which have linked firms not only in Glasgow but also Edinburgh and Paisley.

Edinburgh and Paisley.

R. GREEN PROPERTIES

Turnover for half-year to December 31 up from £952,000 to £122,000 to £122,000. Board expects year's results to top previous year's. Interim payment, gross, held at 0.77p.

Textiles are all the rage in the Low & Bonar camp

By Ray Maughan
The Low & Bonar Group is
aiming to step in the success
of its textile division with an
agreed £320,000 bid for Craiks, Forfar weaving company. Acceptances in respect of 61-per cent of Craiks shares have been received for Low's three-for-one paper offer, of the alternative of £4 cash for every

Creiks share.

The deal is likely to be: swiftly followed by another takeover as the second stage of a textile development pro-

Textile operations were at the forefront of an across the board improvement during the year to November 30 last as pre-tax profits climbed 222 per resident for Nigeria and Zambia was particularly strong for Low's workwear and leisure ciething

The current year offers
varied scope for loss elimination and recovery. The trouble
some Flotex floorcovering division made the anticipated £350,000 (against £689,000) loss during the year, akhough with very high depreciation and

interest payable to the parent, its positive cash flow was still over £100,000. Orders are over 25 per cent up on their level 12 months earlier although the group is fully aware of the uncertainties in the housebuilding certainties in the housebuilding market.

Bibby & Baron, brought lid for three months at a break even position, suffered a fimiless in its last full year as an independent packaging group, against a peak profit; of £750,000 pre-tax in the year hadors that Low fears, however! AND ENGLISH

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that full recovery will not be Sales last year grew from 669.27m to 591.94m, to which

Bibby & Baron contributed: £5.97m. Tax increased from £2.64m to £3.59m, including. £1m as a deferred charge. The shares shipped in yester day where the earnings multiple is just over 6.6 and the total dividend—up from 13.64p per share to 15p gross per share— yields 10.3 per cent.

Glasgow and Ldn stockbroking firms marry

The first merger of Glasgow and London stockbroking firms will come with the impending union from April 25, of Mesars S. M. Penney & Macgeorge of Glasgow and Mesars Castello Persons of London. After their merger than will be brough at merger they will be known at Penney Castello with offices in Peiney Castello with offices in Glasgow, London and Edinburgh Messrs B. H. N. Carvelino and A. J. B. Agnew will be joint sensor permars.

Both firms are themselves products of mergers over the years. S. M. Penney & Mac-

george was founded in 1845 as M. Penney, Since then there have been a number of mergers

Now Bekhor plumps for options

J. Bekhor has gained Stock Exchange Council permission to become the fifth London options dealer. A small, low-profile but wealthy, limited corporate member, Bekhor joins Sternberg, Thomas Clarke, Vickers da Costa, Seligmann Raynor and Teather & Greenwood in options dealing.

Although the Stock Exchange is not currently considering any other applications, several other broking firms are believed to be very interested in this market. dealing today. Its three main dealers are Messrs Don Millas, Philip Kitchener and Bob Holt,

cealers are Messrs Don Millns, Philip Kitchener and Bob Holt, all of whom left Saligmann about a month ago.

The decision to approve more dealers of this type is seen a "half-a-loaf" or "better-than-nothing" form of compensation for the council's decision to put on ice—perhaps permanently—the question of traded options in London in the style of the Chicago Board Options Exchange.

City opinion is sharply divisional decision in the style of the Chicago Board Options Exchange.



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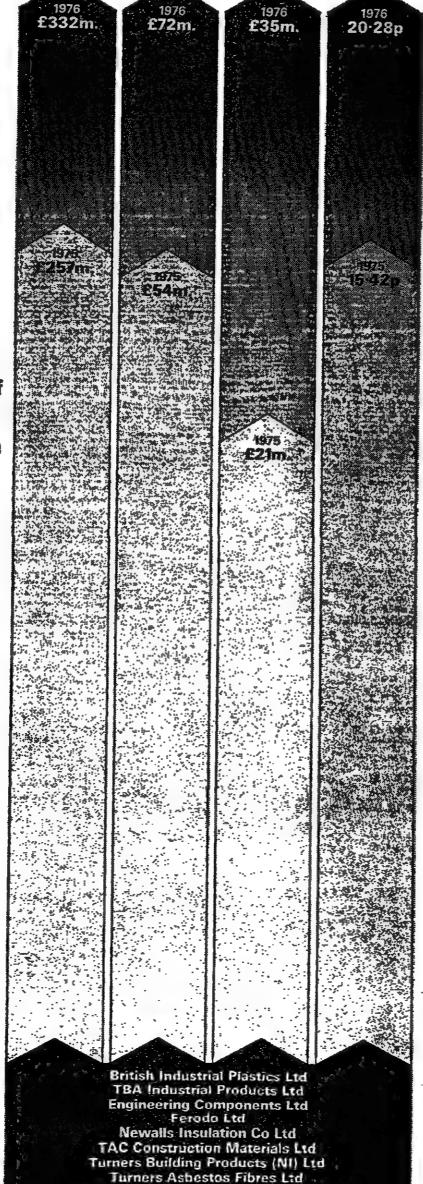
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there was heavy demand.

Jamesons keep

up rapid growth

The Tamesons Chocolate con-

before rax. Turnover went up from £3.6m to £4.5m.

The group (which is controlled by the Whitefield family and in which Trebor-Sharps hold 15 per cent) is raising its dividend from 4.06p

to 4.48p gross out of earnings a

Bejam Group has agreed to

sell to a major pension fund its recently-built cold-store build-

ing at Farnborough, but Bejam retains the plant, machinery and insulation. The sale price is £850,000 cash, about the cost of the assess involved. The deal

is coupled with a lease-back arrangement for a term of 50

years on a full repairing and

insurance basis at a rent of

share of 11p (6.3p).

Beiam plant sale

eliminates loans

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

all the rate in the Low give Lawtex a good half Bonar (2) By Ashley Druker ing is now independent of weather vagaries, All productive in forced vesterday. The company, weather vagaries, All productive in the Stock Exchange List. Ldn & European, New Bridge link-up talks Market expectations earlier this month that London & European Group might soon have a change List. Market expectations earlier this month that London & European Group might soon have a change List. Market expectations earlier this month that London & European Group might soon have a change List. By Ashley Druker weather vagaries, All productive forced vesterday. The company, and size to be adjusted to the stock in t

Though the opening quarter inevitably was affected by last year's drought, business picked up later at Lawrex to give a first-half pre-tax profit to December 25 of £212,000, against only £13,000. The board is resuming interior is resuming interim payments

Sales of this Manchester-based clothing and umbrella manufacturer increased 47 per cent to £4.55m. The umbrella division has been working to full capacity, sales have been restored to former levels, and good profit has been contri-

buted from this traditional side. At the same time the planned expansion of the other areas of the business in work-wear, leis-ure and baby wear means that some 80 per cent of group trad-

sub-contracting.
For the final stage to June 30, the directors say that strong order-books in all divisions re-

basis of Lawtex's growth, turnover for the full year is unlikely to exceed much more than 20 per cent of the total

LOAN FOR JORDAN

Britain is to lend Jordan 19m
to help its development plan for
1976-80. About a third of the
loan will be spent on a water
supply project for pert and town
of Agaba.

Briefly

COMMENCE ENGLISH
Combined English Stores' associated company in The Netherlands as agreed to acquire Berclouw BV, a company established in Utrecht, for a cash cansideration of 1.6m ft (£375,000).

On sales up from £938,000 to £1.27m for half-year to June 30, pre-tax profits jumped from £13,000 to £60,600. Board confident progress will be sustained.
No interior dividend (same). Board
has postponed decision on restoration of dividend on participating
preference until year's results are
available.

HARRISONS MALAYSIAN-Harrisons Malaysiah Estates' offer for Golden Hope Plantitions accepted for 30.19 per, cent of shares: Offer ressains open.

CHAMBERS & FARGUS

Turnover for half-year to January 1 climbed from \$2.55m to \$6.02m. Pre-tax profit of \$22,000, against loss of \$1,000. No interim payment (same). Board feels conditions will continue to be difficult in short-tarts and forecasts a small loss by end of June, 1977.

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Westminster Press, is to acquire
for a nominal consideration
Thomson Organization 50 per
cent innerest in Evening Mail,
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TRITRAILPEN STANDARD payment relead from 5.59p to Chairman of Britrailpen has written to the ordinary shart-holders of Standard Trust urging them is accept the offer by Brit-railpen which, it is stated, will under no circumstances be increased. Chairman has also written to preference holders of Standard.

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PATALING RUBBER Pathing Rubber Estates (submitted to circumstances be increased. Chairman has also written to preference holders of Standard.

capacity in its various sectors is being fully used; any shore-

flect a continuous high demand. Without assuming a repeat performance of the opening half, they look to a good outcome for the full year. The company's best-ever was in 1973-74—at £401,000 pre-tax.
Though umbrelles were the

against 50 per cent of the total against 50 per cent four years ago. But umbrelles still hold a "very substantial" market

Turnover for half-year to December 31 down from £710,000 to £613,000. Pre-tax profit of £40,000, against loss of £10,000. No tax (2008)

WHATI INCS Prices now obtainable may re-sult in turnover not keeping pate with inflation. But results for first months of current year are al-ready shead of last year reports Mr James Robertson, chairman.

SOCIETE GENERALE

Brussels—Net profit of Societe
Generale de Banque for 1976 up
from 1,360m francs to 1,450m
francs (about £23m). Dividend
rises from 175 to 189 francs per
share.—Rester.

CIE BRUXELLES LAMBERT Group gross profit steady at 1,120m francs (£130m) for 1976. Parent's net profit declined to 809m francs (£23m), reflecting in par lower dividends from steel. Net asset value a share, 2,849f (2,940f).—Reuter.

YORKGREEN INVESTMENT Trust advised that Mr P. J. Neill, a Yorkgreen director, has increased his holding to 10,000 shares by buying \$,500 on March

Turnover for half-year to Nov-ember 30 up from £12.41m to £0.55m, and pre-tax profits up from £318,600 to £414,000 breas. Interim up from 1.53p to 1.65p. Second-half figures unlikely to CORNERCROFT

CORNERCROFT
Orders a record, declares Mr
A: W. Hartwell, chairman, in
annual report. Board views prospects with "cautious optimism". ROSEDIMOND INVESTMENT

Pre-tax revenue for year to Jan 31, £410,000 (£424,000). Gross payment raised from 5.59p to 5.85p.

Graff has 93 pc

extension to April 7 of its 28p

a share offer. Sandstar, a pri-

vate company, is owned by Mr Laurence Graff, chairman of

Graff Diamonds, and his wife. To date some 223 shareholders

have taken advantage of these

arrangements for some 1.18m

The offer at 28p was a fresh plan initiated in February to

replace the compulsory acquisition scheme for the minority

holdings. Instead there was an

Sandstar to buy on equivalent terms for a 21-day period any shares which holders wished to

After its record outturn for

November 30 from an abnormal £242,000 to £126,000. Turnover

of this plant-breeder and seed

specialist swelled from £1.34m

to £7.25m.

Crop yields were lower because of the very dry conditions of 1976, but a "satisfactory" year is expected and the board expects to pay the maximum for the year. Meanwhile the interim is raised from 3.23p to 2.85m more.

unconditional undertaking

Miln prunes losses

of Sandstar

Securities, confirmed that it is holding discussions with New Bridge Holdings which may lead to a closer relationship

between the two. London & European's market value is about £1.85m. One of the favourites of former years, it is in property investment and dealing and merchant bank-ing. Dublin-based New Bridge Holdings is in a similar line of share dealing and property

At half-time in October London & European saw 2 pre-rar profit of £498,000 give way to a less of £870,000. The interim dividend was passed and a payment for the full year also ruled out. In a change of tactics it was then pulling out of investment banking and concentrating on the profitable property division.

First Fortune backs

Moorgate Merc Although it missed the Bank of Englands "lifeboat" when it became a victim of the 1973 financial crisis, the Moorgate Mercantile instalment credit group has now been rescued by First Fortune.

First Fortune has made £1.8m available to the group secured on its debenture assets and undertakings.

Since June, 1974, MM has been working under a scheme of arrangement set up by Peat Marwick Mitchell and a creditors' committee. Peat intro-duced MM to First Fortune in 1975 and the board was impressed by MM's management. Scheme creditors have been

discharged and the scheme

Business appointments

Mr H. A. Wingrove has become deputy chairman of B. Elliott, Mr B. H. C. Theobald has been

Mr B. H. C. Theobald has been elected to the board of the Boots subsidiary, Boots The Chemists. Mr D. R. Knight joins the board of Boots Farm Sales, Mr F. J. Swanborough has been named acting group managing director of Howard Tenens Services. Mr F. McMullen continues on the board as a non-executive director.

names on the board as a non-executive director.

Mr J. H. Whiteley has been inside deputy managing director of B. S. & W. Whiteley.

Mr Denniss Plan, managing director of Alcan Aluminium (UK) and clustered of Alcan Roots

to 3.85p gross. Bibby medical foray

B Elliott names deputy chairman

Mr. Denniss Pinn, managing director of Alcan Aluminium (UK) and cintirman of Alcan Booth Industries also becomes managing director of the subsidiary, from May 1. This follows the appointment of Mr. Devid Morton as vice-president, corporate planning, of Alcan Aluminium.

Mr. A. M. M. Hodges has been by September I.

Mr. D. T. Hall has been made managing director of Stewart Wrightson Assurance Consultants.

Mr. A. A. Smith of Hollings-with the point of the United Kingdom and European operation.

Mr. B. Cordrey and Mr. P. D. Finch will be joining the partner-

In an agreed deal animal feeds group J. Bibby has bought a 20 per cent stake in private PAGE 26.

made vice president and general manager of the aviation division of Smiths Industries Inc., the North American subsidiary of Smiths Industries. Mr L. J. Clarke, finance

Smiths Industries.

Mr L. J. Clarke, finance director of latinor Group Newspapers is to retire for health reasons on August 31 and will be succeeded by Mr L. K. Guest, chief accountant of Reed Interpolical.

of The Wall Paper Maunfacturers, is to become financial controller

Holding now at least 93.1 per cent of the equity of Sandstar, Graff Diamonds announces an

Mr Laurence Graff, chairman of Graff Diamonds.

to various tranches to take in the rest by January, 1984. Sterilin is in specialized medical interests. It is the largest manufacturer of single-use sterile products for medical and industrial use in Furna and is industrial use in Europe and is a major exporter. The price for the initial 20 per cent stake is £348,000 cash. 1975-76, when pre-tax profits jumped to £572,000, the Milm Marsters Group has reduced its loss for the six months to

If a quotation is granted to Sterilin before January 1, 1984, Eibby will reduce its holding to 29.9 per cent and not increase it for two years.

Inchcape gets \$35m and cuts coupon

Incheape is raising more than Eurobond issue and at a slightly lower interest rate. The issue of \$25m was heavily oversub-scribed, and has been increased to \$35m, while the coupon is reduced from 7 to 64 per cent.

MORE FINANCIAL NEWS.

Mr Anthony Hill has been appointed to the board of Robert Jenkins (Holdings) as a non-executive director.

Mr Peter Short has joined the board of Serck Services. Mr G. S. W. Calder joins the board of Brush Electrical

appointed managing director of Edgar Allen Aerex. Mr David Tiplady and Mr David Philipoths also join the board, Mr Tiplady becoming chairman.

Mr J. Collinson joins the board of Harlesmack (Pro-

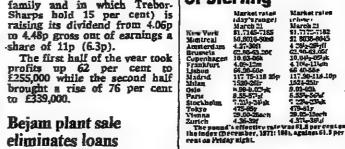
Foreign Exchange

Sterling recovered 20 basis points from the lowest point points from the lowest points touched during yesterday's trading on the foreign exchanges. It closed with a net gain against the dollar of 5 points, at \$1.7177

The yen eased to a late trading level of 279.10-30 against the dollar said that it was common with a Eurobond issue for the rains and size to be adjusted when

The yen had earlier advanced strongly on speculation that Japan might allow it to appreciate ahead of the world ecodomic summit in May as a means of helping the world recovery. The pound's index closed at 61.8 against 61.9 on fectionery group hotted up the pace in the second half-year, and ends 1976 with a 70 per cent rise in profits to £594,000 Friday.
Gold rose \$2.00 an ounce, to 5151.675.

Spot Position of Sterling



Forward Levels

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presidant	24-14c prem	Li-get btem
Brascels	30-15c prem	50-65c prem
Copenhages	par-Sure than	No Strore disc
Frankhirt.	Je-Depf prem	8-Tpf Prem
Lishon	25c prebi-	65c prem-pur
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Magrid.	50-120c disc	240-340c disc
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With these proceeds, and some £257,000 from the pro-posed sale of the assets of Ely Farms, Bejam intends to repay the medium-term bank loan of Gold

fim. The long-term mortgage loans will be eliminated, and there will then be no outstand-Regerrand (per coint non-resident, \$155,75-157,75; 1880 75-91,75; resident, \$154,50-156,50 (180 25-91,25). Set ereigns (news; non-resident, \$50-52; (29.35-30.25); rendent, \$62 64 (230.25-31.26). ing long or medium-term loans.

Discount market

It should have been a day of surplus on Lombard Street yesterday but money appeared to have been trapped somewhere within the system, and the Bank of Eng-land found itself called upon to iand found itself cated upon to give help on an extremely large scale. This it did by lending an extremely large sum to four or five houses overnight at MLR (10) per cent). Otherwise, it was a pretty quiet and uneventful session.

Houses made only limited pro-gress during the morning with

Houses made only limited progress during the morning with rates for secured money holding the 10½-10½ per cent area. Clearers looked a bit mixed. Some were modest callers, others seemed flat, while one or two had small sums to lend. After the help from the authorities, conditions were rather patchy with books being ruled off anywhere within a band of 9½ per cent to 10½ per cent. Adverse factors included rundown balances brought across the weekend by the banks, a very small Treasury bill take-up, and a very small figure for increased note circulation.

Money Market

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Finance House Base Rate 13%

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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Rolls-Royce Motors "Our business is excellence"

"Our greatest asset is people and it is the people who work for Rolls-Royce Motors at all levels who have built a successful company - a company which is once again able to announce a significant improvement in its affairs".

- pre-tax profit rose by 68% to £9.136
- furtion of matarears exceeded the previous year's total for the fourth successive year. * A new range of V-form tilesel angines was atmounced
- * Importment in new plant and aquipment is planned to
- istrates from 25m in 1975 to 213m in 1977,
- 20,000 square feat of new factory space was completed on schedule at the Car Division at Crows, 100,000 square fact of new factory has been completed on the Dissel Division site at Shrewsbury and a start has been made on a
- * The Company continues to attach great importance to exports and lest year saw an increase of 42% in the rotail as se of fields. Royce motor cars in the United States.
- The Beined pays tribute to the hard work and loyalty of all



Preliminary announcement

The consolidated trading results of Rolls-Royce Motors Holdings Limited and its subsidiary companies for the year ended 31st December 1976 (53 weeks) are

shown below:	addition (name) et	•
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Tumover	1	04,510		79,669
Trading profit		9,609		6,267
Loan stock interest		474		479
Profit before taxation		9,131		5,788
Taxation-United Kingdom	2,996		2,107	
Foreign	7,298	4,284	578	2,885
Profit after taxation		4,847		3,103
Minority interest		11		26
	. '	4,836		3,077
Dividends				
Interim paid — 1.65p pershare (1975 1.5p)	8 52		630	
Final (recommended) -2.2p per share				
(1975 2p)	1,135	1,987	841	1.471
Retained profit		2,849		1,606
		-		-
Earnings pershare—basic		9.79p		7.16p

The weakness of sterling in the last nine months of 1976 brought about a substantial rise in the Company's oversease business and margins and the growth in profit is almost entirely due to increased overseas profits. Direct exports from the U.K. of all products amounted to £39,621,000 (1975 £33,083,000) but Group turnover in countries outside the United Kingdom rose from £35,583,000 to £50,982,000.

ject to approval by the Company at the Annual General Meeting a final dividend of 2.2 pence per share will be paid on 10th May 1977 to the holders of the existing

The earnings per share reflect the increased share capital following the Rights Issue in April 1976 calculated in accordance with the Statement of St



The Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1976 will be available from 28th March 1977 and copies may be obtained by request to

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank .. 101% Consoldtd Credits 111 % First London Secs 111% C. Hoare & Co .. #101% Lloyds Bank 10½% Midland Bank .. 101% Nat Westminster 101% Rossminster Acc's 111% Shenley Trust .. 14% Williams & Glyu's 101% * 7-day deposits on sums of 210,000 and under. 62%, up to £25,000, 74%, over £25,000, 74%.

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LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the One Hundred and Fifty-first Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held at 150 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5NQ on Wednesday, 13th April 1977 at 3,00 p.m. By order of the Directors

W. PROUDFOOT General Manager and Actuary

150 St. Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5NQ, 11th March 1977.

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MARKET REPORTS

Tea prices continue sharp climb

Prices for Indian and African teas in London yesterday rose between 40 and 70 pence per kilo on last week, with top grades nearing 300p per kilo after a hectic morning auction.

Mr Peter Banyard, chairman of Mr Peter Banyaru, Charman ot the London Tea Brokers' Association, told Reuter that average prices had more than trebled to 210p per kilo last week from 66.5p in mid-March last year, and yesterday's movements brought nearly a quadrupling of year-ago prices.

He ascribed the sharp rise to continued shortage of stocks, saying demand in London was general with everybody buying and almost complete clearance of the 54,160 cases (2,708 tonnes) on offer at

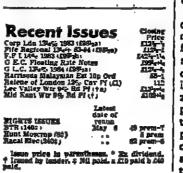
Stocks at British primary wholesalers' warehouses were down to
20,450 tonnes at the end of
December, the latest date for
which figures are available, a level
considered very low compared
with the normal 23,000-25,000
tonnes, Mr Banyard said. He added there is little tea production at present as we are between seasous, and the market is waiting anxiously for supplies of Sri Lauka teas, harvesting of which peaks in April-May. Sri Lanka teas commanded prices 40-60p per kilo up on last week, with two types fetching 299.5p at the auction.





Stocks in London Metal Ex-change official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes except silver) were: copper down 275 to 615,225; tin up 295 to 7,460; lead up 75 to 70,350; zinc up 1,400 to 82,450; silver unchanged at 26,830,000 troy ounces.

PERU BORROWS £11.7m The Export Credits Guarantee Department has guaranteed an £11.7m supplementary loan to help finance stage one of the Majes Irrigation Project in Pero. Loan stranged by Hambros Bank for National Westminster Bank.



High Low

Markets' boost to 'invisibles' was probably £200-£250m last year

Results of a survey into the Firms accounting for virtually age which pushed the LMP. Results of a survey into the rirms accoming for virtually age which pushed the controlled the whole of the trade in quest price to record levels, has not contribution of the commodity the whole of the trade in quest price to record levels, has not contribution of the commodity the whole of the trade in quest price to record levels, has not contributed returns relating been buying this year through markets to United Kingdom in-tion submitted returns relating visible earnings, undertaken by the Bank of England from June, 1974, to May, 1976, indicate that the popularly-quoted figure of £100m is wide of the mark.

The survey shows that for 1974-75 earnings from physical trade in three groups of commodities (foods, fibres and other industrial raw materials) after stock adjustment and the inflow from all futures transactions are each estimated at over £90m, providing a total benefit to the United Kingdom of some £180m. For 1975-76 figures indicate that total earnings were rather larger, probably within the range of £200m to £250m. It is

pointed out in the Bank's Quarterly Bulletin that large fluctuations are to be expected: in particular, there might well bea net outflow from "differences" (gains and losses on futures transactions) in some years. But a sizable net income may be expected regularly from physical trade and from commissions for the placing of futures contracts,

The Bank says that the survey concentrated mainly on the commodity market associations with which the Bank has close connexions through exchange control

The commodities covered cocoa, coffee, feedstuffs, grains, production and export controls. oils, seeds and fats, sugar; fibres including cotton, jute, sisal and wool; and other industrial raw materials (including copper, lead, silver, tin and zinc) account for the greatest part of United Kingdom firms turnover in, and earnings from, physical trade between foreign countries in all commodities and effectively for all futures

to the year ended May, 1975. London merchants.

Bur demand for substantial

give an indication of how earnings vary. Their figures for June 1975-May 1976 make it possible to estimate the range within which total earnings for that year probably lay.

merchants out of stock in Europe. Although this demand has not yer had an impact on the market, it could be a powerful influence when its effect on already low stocks becomes that year probably lay.

Another recent survey suggests that stabilizing world copper prices would require an international buffer stock, or a combination of national stock-piles, totalling up to 2.5 mil-ion tonnes, rather than the 500,000 to 800,000 tonnes estimated by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The cost of financing would be just over \$4,000m at a support price of 75 cents per lb.

The study was commissioned by three United States governcontribution to the expert rediscussions of commodity price stabilization are now taking place. It does not represent official United States Government policy or opinion.

The study examines the feasibility of nationally-held but internationally coordinated stockpiles as a means of price stabilization such as a single international buffer stock of A further tightening of the lead market in the next month or two, particularly if demand from the Middle East depletes European stocks further, is predicted by Commodities Research Unit in its Metal Monitor on

The monitor says that the Soviet Union, which last year bought about 10,000 tonnes of lead from the non-socialist world, which proved to be a major factor behind the short-

A number—the "selected tomages has appeared this tomages has appeared this turns for a further period to which is likely to be met by give an indication of how earnings vary. Their figures for June 1975-May 1976 make it already low stocks becomes evident, says CRU.

Shortage of metal stocks is another reason for expecting the market to become tighter, says the report. Producer stocks have been falling as consumption has risen. The result is that by the end of 1976 known stocks were lower in relation. stocks were lower in relation to consumption than they had been in 1972.

It would take many months of surplus production to raise world stocks to a burdensome level, says the report. "It is true that LME stocks bave, scarcely altered this year, but a good part of these are probment departments—State, Trea-sury and Commerce—from Com-modities Research Unit as a basis of discussion and as a merchants while some of them grade for many consumers.

Saying that the scrap market is often cited as another factor contributing to the shortage of lead, CRU adds that its inquiries suggest that the opposite is true. "In the UK there is general agreement that anti-monial and soft lead scrap has been plentiful for the past year, thanks to high sterling prices for lead.

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"There is a belief in London that the scrap market is much tighter elsewhere in Europe, but hear from German sources that since the start of this year the high lead price has brought out ample supplies of scrap, And in the US our reports also: suggest that there is no shortage of scrap, although bed weather may have hindered its collection for a while."

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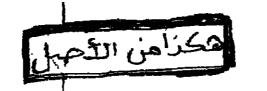
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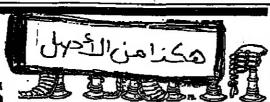
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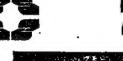
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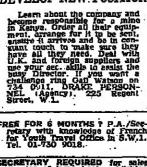
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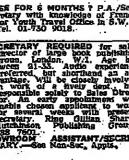
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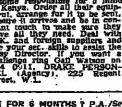
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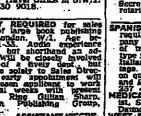
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